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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a STEMI registry; creating s.
3 381.8175, F.S.; directing the Department of Health to
4 establish a statewide, centralized registry of persons
5 who have symptoms associated with ST-elevation
6 myocardial infarctions (STEMI); requiring certain
7 health care facilities to report to the registry
8 specified data on the treatment of STEMI patients;
9 defining the term "PCI-capable"; requiring the
10 department to contract with an entity to maintain the
11 registry, subject to a specific appropriation;
12 requiring the contracted entity to collect certain
13 data and provide annual reports to the department;
14 providing immunity from liability; requiring the
15 department to adopt rules; providing an effective
16 date.

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18 WHEREAS, due to high mortality rates associated with ST-
19 elevation myocardial infarctions (STEMI), the state recognizes
20 the need for a statewide, centralized registry to accumulate
21 data on persons who have symptoms associated with a STEMI heart
22 attack, NOW, THEREFORE,

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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26 Section 1. Section 381.8175, Florida Statutes, is created
27 to read:

28 381.8175 STEMI registry.—The Department of Health shall
29 establish a statewide, centralized registry of persons who have

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30 symptoms associated with ST-elevation myocardial infarctions
31 (STEMI).

32 (1) (a) All PCI-capable health care facilities in the state
33 shall report data consistent with nationally recognized
34 guidelines on the treatment of STEMI patients to the registry on
35 a quarterly basis. All other trauma centers, acute care
36 hospitals, and health care facilities that are not PCI-capable
37 are encouraged to and may report such data, as applicable. For
38 purposes of this paragraph, the term "PCI-capable" means a
39 health care facility that has the equipment, expertise, and
40 facilities to administer percutaneous coronary intervention
41 (PCI), a mechanical means of treating heart attack patients.

42 (b) The statewide STEMI registry shall collect and maintain
43 data consistent with nationally recognized guidelines and
44 measures for STEMI patients.

45 (2) Subject to a specific legislative appropriation, the
46 department shall contract with a public or private entity to
47 maintain the statewide STEMI registry to ensure that the
48 information required under subsection (1) is maintained and
49 available for use to improve or modify the STEMI care system,
50 ensure compliance with guidelines and standards, and monitor
51 STEMI patient outcomes.

52 (3) The department shall require the contracted entity to
53 use a nationally recognized platform to collect data on the
54 information required under subsection (1). Each January 1, the
55 contracted entity shall provide an annual report on the data
56 collected to the department .

57 (4) A civil, criminal, or administrative action may not be
58 brought against a person or health care provider participating

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59 in good faith in the reporting of information pursuant to this
60 section. A person or health care provider reporting information
61 pursuant to this section is immune from civil or criminal
62 liability and from any professional disciplinary action that may
63 arise from reporting such information.

64 (5) The department shall adopt rules to administer this
65 section.

66 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.