

**OPPOSE  
HB7113**

**Trauma Center Grandfather Legislation**

**Unnecessarily Jeopardizes Florida's Trauma System**

**Summary:**

PCB HIS 14-01 provides "grandfather" approval status to trauma centers that have been open for a consecutive 12 month period after the enactment of chapter 2004-259, Laws of Florida and that submit an application for a site visit by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma on or before June 30, 2015.

**Impact of Bill:**

- **Grandfather language could result in the automatic designation of twelve trauma centers including Bayonet Point, Blake Medical Center, Ocala Regional and Orange Park trauma centers.**
- Jeopardizes the sustainability of existing trauma programs by lowering caseload volumes needed to ensure competence in trauma surgeons, emergency physicians, and practitioners.
- Circumvents the statutorily prescribed process for trauma center approval resulting in increasing the cost of trauma services without any measurable improvement in case outcome.
- "Overrules" the decision by the First District Court of Appeal, which found the Department of Health's trauma center designation rule Invalid.

**Recent Negotiations:**

The department held one negotiated rule making session and made progress with the opposing parties. The department should reconvene the trauma experts and continue work collaboratively to develop a rule that best meets the trauma care needs of Florida's residents and visitors.

Note: SB 1276 grandfathers Bayonet Point, Blake Medical Center, and Ocala Regional but does not grandfather Orange Park

Teaching Hospitals

Jackson Health System

Mount Sinai  
Medical Center

Orlando Health

Shands HealthCare

Shands Jacksonville  
Medical Center

Tampa General Hospital

Public Hospitals

Halifax Health

Lee Memorial  
Health System

Memorial Healthcare System

Broward Health

Sarasota Memorial  
Health Care System

Children's Hospitals

All Children's Hospital

Miami Children's Hospital

Regional Perinatal Intensive  
Care Center

Sacred Heart Health System

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