

# SENATE BILL 464

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By: **Senators Edwards, Colburn, Mooney, Munson, and Stoltzfus**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund – Rural Trauma Centers**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of trauma center to include Peninsula  
4 Regional Medical Center, the Western Maryland Health System, and  
5 Washington County Hospital; and generally relating to the Maryland Trauma  
6 Physician Services Fund.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Health – General

9 Section 19–130(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article – Health – General

14 Section 19–130(b)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 19–130.

21 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (2) “Fund” means the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund.

23 (3) “Maryland Trauma Specialty Referral Centers” means:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- (i) The Johns Hopkins Health System Burn Program;
- (ii) The Eye Trauma Center at the Wilmer Eye Institute at The Johns Hopkins Hospital; and
- (iii) The Curtis National Hand Center at Union Memorial Hospital.

(4) "Rehabilitation hospital" means a facility classified as a special rehabilitation hospital as described in § 19-307 of this title that is affiliated with a trauma center by common ownership.

(5) (i) "Trauma center" means a facility designated by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems as:

1. The State primary adult resource center;
2. A Level I trauma center;
3. A Level II trauma center;
4. A Level III trauma center;
5. A pediatric trauma center; or
6. The Maryland Trauma Specialty Referral Centers.

(ii) "Trauma center" includes [an]:

18                           **1.**    AN out-of-state pediatric trauma center that has  
19 entered into an agreement with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical  
20 Services Systems;

- 2. PENINSULA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER;**
- 3. THE WESTERN MARYLAND HEALTH SYSTEM; AND**
- 4. WASHINGTON COUNTY HOSPITAL.**

28 (7) "Uncompensated care" means care provided by a trauma physician  
29 to a trauma patient on the State trauma registry who:

