

## CHAPTER 324

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**HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

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**HOUSE BILL 03-1370**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Rhodes, Frangas, Fritz, Lundberg, McFadyen, Stafford, Tochtrop, and Williams S.;  
also SENATOR(S) Anderson.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING REVIEWS OF DESIGNATED TRAUMA FACILITIES.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 25-3.5-704 (2) (d) (I) and (2) (d) (IV), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**25-3.5-704. Statewide emergency medical and trauma care system - development and implementation - duties of the department - rules adopted by board.** (2) The board shall adopt rules for the statewide emergency medical and trauma care system, including but not limited to the following:

(d) **Designation of facilities.** The designation rules shall provide that on and after July 1, 1997, every facility in this state required to be licensed in accordance with article 3 of this title and that receives ambulance patients shall participate in the statewide emergency medical and trauma care system. On or after July 1, 1997, and no later than January 1, 1998, each such facility shall submit an application to the department requesting designation as a specific level trauma facility or requesting nondesignation status. A facility that is given nondesignated status shall not represent that it is a designated facility, as prohibited in section 25-3.5-707. The board shall include provisions for the following:

(I) The criteria to be applied for designating AND PERIODICALLY REVIEWING facilities based on level of care capability providing trauma care. In establishing such criteria, the board shall take into consideration recognized national standards including, but not limited to, standards on trauma resources for optimal care of the injured patient adopted by the American college of surgeons' committee and the guidelines for trauma care systems adopted by the American college of emergency physicians.

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

(IV) The process for evaluating, reviewing, and designating facilities, including ~~the continued review of~~ AN ONGOING PERIODIC REVIEW PROCESS FOR designated facilities, WHICH PROCESS SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NATIONAL STANDARDS REFERENCED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (d). ~~The~~ EACH facility shall be subject to review ~~every three years~~ in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to this ~~subparagraph (IV)~~ PARAGRAPH (d). In the event a certified facility seeks to be designated at a different level or seeks nondesignation status, the facility shall comply with the board's procedures for initial designation.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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