AN ACT concerning members of regional trauma councils and advisory committee on trauma; amending K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 75-5664 and 75-5665 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:
Section 1. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 75-5664 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-5664. (a) There is hereby established an advisory committee on trauma. The advisory committee on trauma shall be advisory to the secretary of health and environment and shall be within the division of health of the department of health and environment as a part thereof.

(b) On July 1, 2001, the advisory committee on trauma in existence immediately prior to July 1, 2001, is hereby abolished and a new advisory committee on trauma is created in accordance with this section. The terms of all members of the advisory committee on trauma in existence prior to July 1, 2001, are hereby terminated. On and after July 1, 2001, The advisory committee on trauma shall be composed of 24 members representing both rural and urban areas of the state appointed as follows:

(1) Two members shall be persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery appointed by the governor. At least 30 days prior to the expiration of terms described in this section, for each member to be appointed under this section, the Kansas medical society shall submit to the governor a list of three names of persons of recognized ability and qualification. The governor shall consider such list of persons in making appointments to the board under this paragraph.

(2) One member shall be licensed to practice osteopathic medicine appointed by the governor. At least 30 days prior to the expiration of the term of the member appointed under this section, the Kansas association of osteopathic medicine shall submit to the governor a list of three persons of recognized ability and qualification. The governor shall consider such list of persons in making appointments to the board under this paragraph.

(3) Three members shall be representatives of hospitals appointed by the governor. At least 30 days before the expiration of terms described in this section, for each member to be appointed under this section, the Kansas hospital association shall submit to the governor a list of three names of persons of recognized ability and qualification. The governor
shall consider such list of persons in making appointments to the board under this paragraph.

(4) Two members shall be licensed professional nurses specializing in trauma care or emergency nursing appointed by the governor. At least 30 days before the expiration of terms described in this section, for each member to be appointed under this section, the Kansas state nurses association shall submit to the governor a list of three names of persons of recognized ability and qualification. The governor shall consider such list of persons in making appointments to the board under this paragraph.

(5) Two members shall be attendants as defined in K.S.A. 65-6112, and amendments thereto, who are on the roster of an ambulance service permitted by the board of emergency medical services. At least 30 days prior to the expiration of one of these positions, the Kansas emergency medical services association shall submit to the governor a list of three persons of recognized ability and qualification. The governor shall consider such list of persons in making this appointment to the board. For the other member appointed under this section, at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the term of such member, the Kansas emergency medical technician association shall submit a list of three persons of recognized ability and qualification. The governor shall consider such list of persons in making this appointment to the board under this paragraph.

(6) Two members shall be administrators of ambulance services, one rural and one urban, appointed by the governor. At least 30 days prior to the expiration of the terms of such members, the Kansas emergency medical services association and Kansas emergency medical technician association in consultation shall submit to the governor a list of four persons of recognized ability and qualification. The governor shall consider such list of persons in making this appointment to the board under this paragraph.

(7) Six members shall be representatives of regional trauma councils, one per council, appointed by the governor. At least 30 days prior to the expiration of one of these positions, the relevant regional trauma council shall submit to the governor a list of three persons of recognized ability and qualification. The governor shall consider such list of persons in making these appointments to the board.

(8) The secretary of health and environment or the secretary's designee of an appropriately qualified person shall be an ex officio representative of the department of health and environment.

(9) The chairperson of the board of emergency medical services or the chairperson's designee shall be an ex officio member.

(10) Four legislators selected as follows shall be members: The chairperson and ranking minority member or their designees of the
committee on health and human services of the house of representatives, and the chairperson and ranking minority member or their designees from the committee on public health and welfare of the senate shall be members.

(c) All members shall be residents of the state of Kansas. Particular attention shall be given so that rural and urban interests and geography are balanced in representation. Organizations that submit lists of names to be considered for appointment by the governor under this section shall insure that names of people who reside in both rural and urban areas of the state are among those submitted. At least one person from each congressional district shall be among the members. Of the members appointed under paragraphs (1) through (7) of subsection (b), six shall be appointed to initial terms of two years; six shall be appointed to initial terms of three years; and six shall be appointed to initial terms of four years. Thereafter members shall serve terms of four years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. In the case of a vacancy in the membership of the advisory committee, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in like manner as that provided in subsection (b).

(d) The advisory committee shall meet quarterly and at the call of the chairperson or at the request of a majority of the members. At the first meeting of the advisory committee after July 1 each year, the members shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson who shall serve for terms of one year. The vice-chairperson shall exercise all of the powers of the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson. The chairperson and vice-chairperson serving on the effective date of this act shall be among the members appointed to the advisory committee under subsection (b) and shall continue to serve as chairperson and vice-chairperson of the advisory committee until the first meeting of the advisory committee after July 1, 2002.

(e) The advisory committee shall be advisory to the secretary of health and environment on all matters relating to the implementation and administration of this act.

(f) All members of the advisory committee, when acting in their official capacity under this act, shall be considered peer review officers for all purposes of K.S.A. 65-4915, and amendments thereto.

(g) Members of the advisory committee attending meetings of the advisory committee or attending a subcommittee of the advisory committee or other authorized meeting of the advisory committee shall not be paid compensation but shall be paid amounts provided in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 75-5665 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-5665. The secretary of health and environment, after consultation with and consideration of recommendations from the
advisory committee, shall:

(a) Develop rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, including fixing, charging and collecting fees from trauma facilities to recover all or part of the expenses incurred in the designation of trauma facilities pursuant to subsection (f) of this section;

(b) develop a statewide trauma system plan including the establishment of regional trauma councils, using the 1998 Kansas EMS-trauma systems plan study as a guide and not more restrictive than state law. The secretary shall ensure that each council consist of at least six members. Members of the councils shall consist of persons chosen for their expertise in and commitment to emergency medical and trauma services. All members of regional trauma councils, when acting in their official capacity under this act, shall be considered peer review officers for all purposes of K.S.A. 65-4915, and amendments thereto. Such members shall be chosen from the region and include prehospital personnel, physicians, nurses and hospital personnel involved with the emergency medical and trauma services and a representative of a county health department. The plan should:

(1) Maximize local and regional control over decisions relating to trauma care;

(2) minimize bureaucracy;

(3) adequately protect the confidentiality of proprietary and personal health information;

(4) promote cost effectiveness;

(5) encourage participation by groups affected by the system;

(6) emphasize medical direction and involvement at all levels of the system;

(7) rely on accurate data as the basis for system planning and development; and

(8) facilitate education of health care providers in trauma care;

(c) plan, develop and administer a trauma registry to collect and analyze data on incidence, severity and causes of trauma and other pertinent information which may be used to support the secretary's decision-making and identify needs for improved trauma care;

(d) provide all technical assistance to the regional councils as necessary to implement the provisions of this act;

(e) collect data elements for the trauma registry that are consistent with the recommendations of the American college of surgeons committee on trauma and centers for disease control;

(f) designate trauma facilities by level of trauma care capabilities after considering the American college of surgeons committee on trauma standards and other states' standards except that trauma level designations shall not be based on criteria that place practice limitations on registered
nurse anesthetists which are not required by state law;
(g) develop a phased-in implementation schedule for each
component of the trauma system, including the trauma registry, which
considers the additional burden placed on the emergency medical and
trauma providers;
(h) develop standard reports to be utilized by the regional trauma
councils and those who report data to the registry in performing their
functions;
(i) assess the fiscal impact on all components of the trauma system,
and thereafter recommend other funding sources for the trauma system
and trauma registry;
(j) prepare and submit an annual budget in accordance with the
provisions of this act. Such budget shall include costs for the provision of
technical assistance to the regional trauma councils and the cost of
developing and maintaining the trauma registry and analyzing and
reporting on the data collected; and
(k) enter into contracts as deemed necessary to carry out the duties
and functions of the secretary under this act.
Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 75-5664 and 75-5665 are hereby
repealed.
Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.