

HCS HB 1263 -- TRAUMATIC INJURIES ACT

SPONSOR: Schroer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Government Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill creates the "Tactical Response to Traumatic Injuries Act."

The bill specifies that any entity responsible for managing a building, facility, or tenant of a structure may voluntarily provide a trauma public access kit (trauma PAK) unless a trauma PAK is required as a mandatory building standard adopted by a state agency or political subdivision. The requirements for placing and maintaining a trauma PAK are specified in the bill.

This bill specifies that any person or entity that acquires and places a trauma PAK in a structure shall not be liable for any civil damages resulting from any acts or omissions in rendering emergency care by use of the trauma PAK if such person or entity has complied with the provisions of this bill. Any person who gratuitously and in good faith renders emergency care or treatment by use of the trauma PAK at the scene of an emergency shall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of such care or treatment, unless the person acts in a willful and wanton or reckless manner in providing the care or treatment. The person or entity that provides training on use of the trauma PAK, that is responsible for the site where the trauma PAK is located, that owns the trauma PAK, that provides clinical protocol for trauma PAK sites or programs, or that reviews and approves the clinical protocol shall not be held liable for civil damages resulting from use of the trauma PAK.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will help save lives in emergency situations and encourage ordinary citizens to help prior to the arrival of emergency services or the police.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schroer; Boris Levin, TRK Med LLC; Brian Froelke; and Robert Wylie.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say a voluntary program is desirable and that fire extinguishers are now present in almost all buildings even without a mandate.

Testifying on the bill was Greg Carrell, Missouri Fire Marshal.