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TITLE 31. HEALTH  
CHAPTER 18. REGISTRY FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURIES

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*O.C.G.A. § 31-18-2 (2007)*

§ 31-18-2. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) "Brain injury" means a traumatic injury to the brain (cranio-cerebral head trauma), not of a degenerative or congenital nature, but arising from blunt or penetrating trauma or from acceleration-deceleration forces, that is associated with any of these symptoms or signs attributed to the injury: decreased level of consciousness, amnesia, other neurologic or neuropsychologic abnormalities, skull fracture, or diagnosed intracranial lesions. These impairments may be either temporary or permanent and can result in a partial or total functional disability.

(2) "Spinal cord injury" means a traumatic injury to the spinal cord, not of a degenerative or congenital nature, but arising from blunt or penetrating trauma or from acceleration-deceleration forces, resulting in paraplegia or quadriplegia, which can be a partial or total loss of physical function.

**HISTORY:** Code 1933, § 88-3402, enacted by Ga. L. 1980, p. 1245, § 1; Ga. L. 1985, p. 871, § 1; Ga. L. 2006, p. 175, § 1/SB 208.

**NOTES:**

THE 2006 AMENDMENT, effective July 1, 2006, substituted the present provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) for the former provisions which read: "(1) 'Head-injured person' means a person who has sustained brain damage of traumatic or acute onset, not of a degenerative nature, that results in temporary or permanent decrease of cognitive, behavioral, social, or physical functioning.

"(2) 'Spinal cord disabled person' means a person suffering from any spinal cord disease, spinal cord injury, or neural tube defect, whether congenital or acquired, which results in partial or total loss of motor or sensory functions and which results in partial or total disability, regardless of whether such disability is temporary or permanent."

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