

**Account Name:** Designated Trauma Facility and EMS Account No. 5111  
**Primary Agency:** Department of State Health Services  
**Legal Citation:** Health and Safety Code, Chapter 780

**Table 1:**  
 Designated Trauma Facility and EMS Account No. 5111  
 Estimated Revenue and Appropriations (in Millions)

	2008-09	2010-11	2012-13
Estimated Revenue	\$197.3	\$249.5	\$227.5
Appropriations	\$103.6	\$151.1	\$115.1

Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts

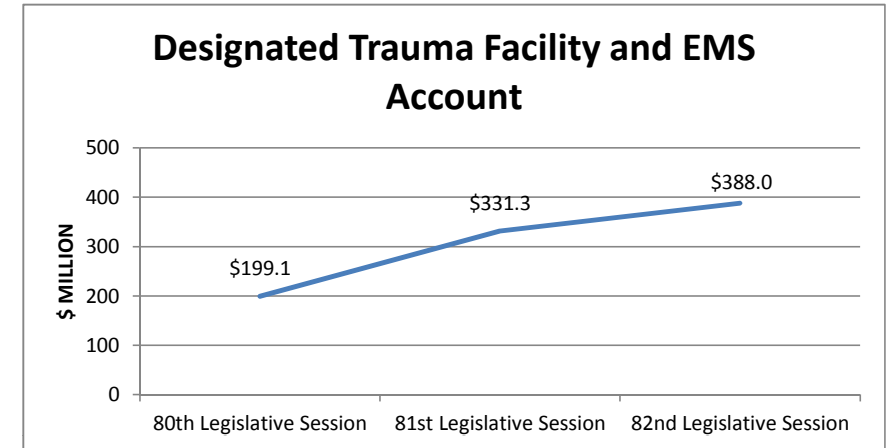
**Account Details:**

The Designated Trauma Facility and Emergency Medical Services Account (Trauma Account No. 5111) is a General Revenue-Dedicated account that was enacted in House Bill 3588 by the Seventy-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, to provide funding for designated trauma facilities, county and regional emergency medical services, and trauma-care systems. Money in Trauma Account No. 5111 may be appropriated only to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Distribution of Trauma Account No. 5111 funds as follows: \$500,000 extraordinary emergency reserve; 96 percent of the remainder is allocated to fund a portion of the uncompensated trauma care provided by designated trauma facilities and those actively pursuing trauma designation; 2 percent of the remainder is allocated to emergency medical service providers; 1 percent of the remainder is allocated to regional advisory councils in the statewide trauma system; and 1 percent of the remainder is allocated for administrative costs at DSHS. Provisions relating to Trauma Account No. 5111 were amended in 2011 to authorize DSHS to transfer funds from Trauma Account No. 5111 to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to maximize the receipt of federal funds that HHSC receives under Medicaid. Following enactment of this provision, HHSC amended its Medicaid hospital reimbursement rules to create a "trauma add on" for designated trauma facilities that qualify for Standard Dollar Amount (SDA) payments from HHSC.

Funds deposited to Trauma Account No. 5111 come from two revenue sources, the Driver Responsibility Program (DRP), and the \$30 state traffic fine, relating to traffic offense convictions. DRP is governed by Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 708, which established a system to assess surcharges based on certain traffic offenses that occurred on or after September 1, 2003. A surcharge is an administrative fee charged to a driver based on the convictions reported to the driving record. DRP surcharges are assessed in two ways: a point system in which points are assessed and accrue based on moving traffic violation convictions; and conviction based surcharges, which are assessed to drivers who receive a conviction for certain offenses, and for which the surcharge is applied for a period of three years from the date of conviction. The Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) is required to deposit 49.5 percent of the money received under DRP to the Trauma Account No. 5111.

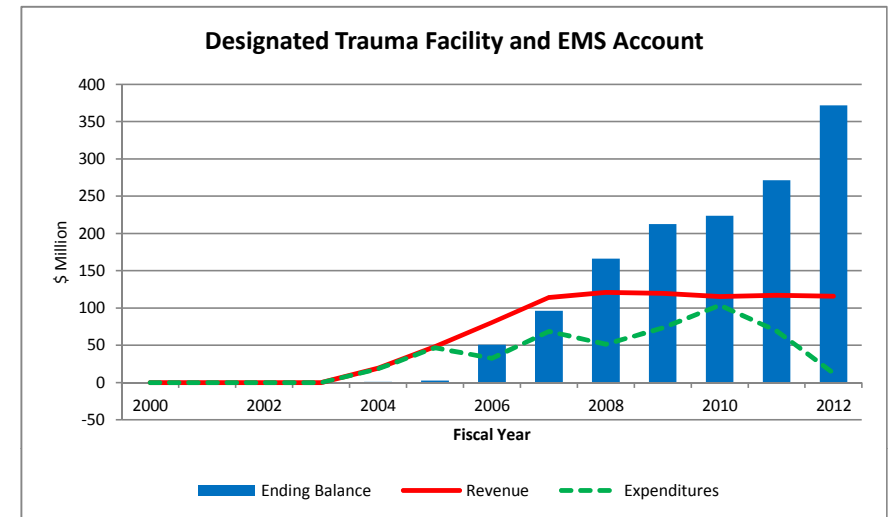
Legislation enacted in 2003 requires a person found guilty of committing a traffic violation to pay a \$30 state traffic fine in addition to any other sentence imposed for committing the violation. These fines were originally deposited to the Texas Mobility Fund, but an allocation of the money was later directed to Trauma Account No. 5111 by the Seventy-eighth Legislature, Third Called Session, 2004. The intent of the legislation was to encourage responsible driving as well as help fund trauma care in Texas. After the municipality or county that collects the state traffic fine retains 5 percent, each quarter revenue generated by the state traffic fine is remitted to the CPA. CPA deposits 67 percent of the revenue received to the General Revenue Fund, and the remaining 33 percent is deposited to the Trauma Account No. 5111.

**Figure 1:** Estimated Balance Available to Certify General Appropriations Bill



Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts

**Figure 2:** History of Revenue, Expenditures, and Cash Balances



Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts