



General Assembly

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LCO No. 3504

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR PATIENT SAFETY
THROUGH THE ACCREDITATION OF PHYSICIAN OFFICES WHERE
CERTAIN LEVELS OF ANESTHESIA ARE ADMINISTERED.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) On and after January 1, 2002, any unlicensed facility
2 operated by a licensed health care practitioner or practitioner group at
3 which moderate sedation/analgesia, deep sedation/analgesia or
4 general anesthesia, as such levels of anesthesia are defined from time
5 to time by the American Society of Anesthesiology, may be
6 administered shall, prior to the administration of one or more of such
7 levels of anesthesia, meet at least one of the standards of accreditation
8 established by (1) the Medicare program, (2) the American Association
9 of Ambulatory Health Care, (3) the Association for Accreditation of
10 Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc., or (4) the Joint Commission on
11 Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Evidence of such
12 accreditation, satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Health, shall
13 be filed with the commissioner prior to any such administration of one
14 or more of such levels of anesthesia.

Statement of Purpose:

To maintain high quality care and ensure patient safety by establishing strict accreditation requirements for physician offices where surgical procedures are performed with nonlocal anesthetic.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]