



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6727

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**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) (a) On and after October 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. In the case of any such facility in
15 operation on the effective date of this act, application for such
16 accreditation shall be made not later than January 1, 2002. The
17 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any such facility
18 operated by a practitioner holding a permit issued under section 20-
19 123b of the general statutes.

20 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section:
21 (1) Any facility accredited as provided in subsection (a) of this section
22 that is a health care facility or institution, as defined in section 19a-630
23 of the general statutes, shall continue to be subject to the obligations
24 and requirements applicable to any such health care facility or
25 institution, including, but not limited to, certificate of need
26 requirements, as provided in chapter 368z of the general statutes; and
27 (2) any facility accredited as provided in subsection (a) of this section
28 that is an institution, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general
29 statutes, shall continue to be subject to the obligations and
30 requirements applicable to any such institution as provided in chapter
31 368v of the general statutes.

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