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"AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PHYSICIANS."

1 Strike subsection (e) of section 1 in its entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(e) On and after January 1, 2015, and concurrent with the
4 implementation of the diagnosis-related group methodology of
5 payment to hospitals, an emergency department physician may enroll
6 separately as a Medicaid provider and qualify for direct
7 reimbursement for professional services provided in the emergency
8 department of a hospital to a Medicaid recipient, including services
9 provided on the same day the Medicaid recipient is admitted to the
10 hospital. The commissioner shall pay to any such emergency
11 department physician the Medicaid rate for physicians in accordance
12 with the physician fee schedule in effect at that time. If the
13 commissioner determines that payment to an emergency department
14 physician pursuant to this subsection results in an additional cost to
15 the state, the commissioner shall adjust such rate in consultation with

16 the Connecticut Hospital Association and the Connecticut College of
17 Emergency Physicians to ensure budget neutrality."

18 After line 146, insert the following:

19 "(j) In the event the commissioner is unable to implement the
20 provisions of subsection (e) of this section by January 1, 2015, the
21 commissioner shall submit written notice, not later than thirty-five
22 days prior to January 1, 2015, to the joint standing committees of the
23 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
24 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
25 indicating that the department will not be able to implement such
26 provisions on or before such date. The commissioner shall include in
27 such notice (1) the reasons why the department will not be able to
28 implement such provisions by such date, and (2) the date by which the
29 department will be able to implement such provisions."