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**Amendment**

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To: Senate Bill No. 438

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF STROKE CENTERS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) The Commissioner of  
4 Public Health shall designate a hospital, upon request, as a primary  
5 stroke center or comprehensive stroke center provided such hospital  
6 holds a current certification from The Joint Commission, American  
7 Heart Association or other nationally recognized organization that  
8 designates hospitals for stroke care as a primary stroke center or  
9 comprehensive stroke center.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) There is established  
11 within the Department of Public Health a stroke advisory board.

12 (b) The advisory board shall consist of members appointed by the  
13 Commissioner of Public Health as follows: (1) Not fewer than four

14 members representing the American Academy of Neurology; (2) not  
 15 fewer than four persons representing Stroke Coordinators of  
 16 Connecticut; (3) not fewer than four persons representing the  
 17 American College of Emergency Physicians, Connecticut chapter; (4)  
 18 one representative of the American Heart Association; (5) one  
 19 representative of the Connecticut Hospital Association; and (6) two  
 20 representatives of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board,  
 21 established pursuant to section 19a-178a of the general statutes, one  
 22 each from said advisory board's paramedic committee and volunteer  
 23 committee.

24 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health shall appoint a chairperson  
 25 from among the members of the advisory board who shall serve for a  
 26 term of one year.

27 (d) The advisory board, in addition to other power conferred and in  
 28 addition to functioning in a general advisory capacity, may, in  
 29 consultation with the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board: (1)  
 30 Adopt a nationally recognized stroke assessment tool; (2) establish care  
 31 protocols for emergency medical service organizations relating to the  
 32 assessment, treatment and transport of persons with stroke; (3)  
 33 establish a plan to achieve continuous quality improvement in the care  
 34 provided to persons with stroke and the system for stroke response; (4)  
 35 review protocols and recommend changes to the commissioner; and  
 36 (5) evaluate the status of the stroke care system and recommend  
 37 changes to the commissioner."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2014	New section