



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 34

LCO No. 4502



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF STROKE CENTERS
AND STROKE-READY HOSPITALS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) A hospital may apply
2 to the Department of Public Health to be designated as a
3 comprehensive stroke center, a primary stroke center or an acute
4 stroke-ready hospital.

5 (b) The Department of Public Health shall approve an application
6 made under subsection (a) of this section if the hospital has been
7 certified as a comprehensive stroke center, a primary stroke center or
8 an acute stroke-ready hospital by the American Heart Association, the
9 Joint Commission or any other nationally recognized certifying
10 organization approved by the department. The hospital's designation
11 as a comprehensive stroke center, a primary stroke center or an acute
12 stroke-ready hospital shall continue for as long as the hospital remains
13 certified as such.

14 (c) The department may remove a hospital's designation as a
15 comprehensive stroke center, a primary stroke center or an acute

16 stroke-ready hospital if the hospital requests such removal or if the
17 department determines that the hospital's certification as such has
18 been suspended or revoked. A decision by the department to remove a
19 hospital's designation under this subsection shall not be subject to
20 judicial review. The department shall report to the certifying
21 organization any complaint it receives related to the certification of a
22 hospital as a comprehensive stroke center, a primary stroke center or
23 an acute stroke-ready hospital. The department shall provide the
24 complainant with the name and contact information of the certifying
25 organization if the complainant seeks to pursue a complaint with such
26 organization.

27 (d) No hospital shall hold itself out to the public as a stroke center or
28 stroke-ready hospital unless the hospital is designated as a
29 comprehensive stroke center, a primary stroke center or an acute
30 stroke-ready hospital by the Department of Public Health under
31 subsection (b) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To recognize stroke centers and stroke-ready hospitals in the state.

[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.]

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