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**A BILL**

To enact sections 3727.11, 3727.12, 3727.13, 1  
3727.14, 3727.15, and 4765.401 of the Revised 2  
Code to provide for recognition of stroke 3  
centers and establishment of protocols for 4  
assessment, treatment, and transport to 5  
hospitals of stroke patients. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 3727.11, 3727.12, 3727.13, 7  
3727.14, 3727.15, and 4765.401 of the Revised Code be enacted to 8  
read as follows: 9

**Sec. 3727.11.** A hospital shall not represent itself as a 10  
comprehensive stroke center, primary stroke center, or acute 11  
stroke ready hospital unless it is recognized as such by the 12  
department of health under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code. 13

This section does not prohibit a hospital from 14  
representing itself as having a relationship or affiliation with 15  
a hospital recognized by the department of health under section 16  
3727.13 of the Revised Code. 17

**Sec. 3727.12.** (A) A person or government entity seeking 18  
recognition of a hospital as a comprehensive stroke center, 19  
primary stroke center, or acute stroke ready hospital by the 20  
department of health under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code 21  
shall file with the department an application for recognition. 22  
The application shall be submitted in the manner prescribed by 23  
the department. 24

(B) (1) To be eligible for recognition as a comprehensive 25  
stroke center under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code, a 26  
hospital must be certified as a comprehensive stroke center by 27  
an accrediting organization approved by the federal centers for 28  
medicare and medicaid services or an organization acceptable to 29  
the department under division (C) of this section. 30

(2) To be eligible for recognition as a primary stroke 31  
center under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code, a hospital 32  
must be certified as a primary stroke center by an accrediting 33  
organization approved by the federal centers for medicare and 34  
medicaid services or an organization acceptable to the 35  
department under division (C) of this section. 36

(3) To be eligible for recognition as an acute stroke 37  
ready hospital under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code, a 38  
hospital must be certified as an acute stroke ready hospital by 39  
an accrediting organization approved by the federal centers for 40  
medicare and medicaid services or an organization acceptable to 41  
the department under division (C) of this section. 42

(C) For purposes of division (B) of this section, to be 43  
acceptable to the department an organization must certify 44  
comprehensive stroke centers, primary stroke centers, or acute 45  
stroke ready hospitals in accordance with nationally recognized 46  
certification guidelines. 47

**Sec. 3727.13.** (A) (1) The department of health shall 48  
recognize as a comprehensive stroke center a hospital that 49  
satisfies the requirements of division (B)(1) of section 3727.12 50  
of the Revised Code and submits a complete application. 51

(2)(a) The department shall recognize as a primary stroke 52  
center a hospital that satisfies the requirements of division 53  
(B)(2) of section 3727.12 of the Revised Code and submits a 54  
complete application. 55

(b) If a hospital satisfying the requirements of division 56  
(B)(2) of section 3727.12 of the Revised Code has attained 57  
supplementary levels of stroke care distinction as identified by 58  
an accrediting organization approved by the federal centers for 59  
medicare and medicaid services or an organization accepted by 60  
the department under section 3727.12 of the Revised Code, 61  
including by offering patients mechanical endovascular therapy, 62  
the department shall include that distinction in its 63  
recognition. 64

(3) The department shall recognize as an acute stroke 65  
ready hospital a hospital that satisfies the requirements of 66  
division (B)(3) of section 3727.12 of the Revised Code and 67  
submits a complete application. 68

(B) Pursuant to an adjudication conducted under Chapter 69  
119. of the Revised Code, the department may suspend or revoke a 70  
hospital's recognition under division (A) of this section if it 71

determines that the hospital no longer satisfies the 72  
requirements for recognition. 73

(C) Not later than the first day of June each year, the 74  
department shall compile and send a list of hospitals recognized 75  
under division (A) of this section to the medical director and 76  
cooperating physician advisory board of each emergency medical 77  
service organization, as defined in section 4765.01 of the 78  
Revised Code. The department also shall post the list on its 79  
internet web site. 80

**Sec. 3727.14.** If an accrediting organization approved by 81  
the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services or an 82  
organization that certifies hospitals in accordance with 83  
nationally recognized certification guidelines establishes a 84  
level of stroke certification that is in addition to the three 85  
levels described in sections 3727.11 to 3727.13 of the Revised 86  
Code, the department of health shall recognize a hospital 87  
certified at that additional level. 88

For purposes of this section, the department and a 89  
hospital shall comply with sections 3727.11 to 3727.13 of the 90  
Revised Code as if the certification and recognition described 91  
in this section were one of the three levels described in 92  
sections 3727.11 to 3727.13 of the Revised Code. 93

**Sec. 3727.15.** The director of health shall adopt rules as 94  
the director considers necessary for the implementation of 95  
sections 3727.11 to 3727.14 of the Revised Code. The rules shall 96  
be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 97

**Sec. 4765.401.** (A) The medical director or cooperating 98  
physician advisory board of each emergency medical service 99  
organization shall establish written protocols for the 100

assessment, treatment, and transport to hospitals of stroke 101  
patients by emergency medical service personnel. In establishing 102  
protocols, the medical director or cooperating physician 103  
advisory board shall consult with one or more local hospitals. 104

(B) Each emergency medical service organization shall 105  
provide copies of its protocols to the department of health; the 106  
state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation 107  
services; and the regional director or regional advisory board 108  
appointed under section 4765.05 of the Revised Code for the 109  
organization's emergency medical services region. 110