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A BILL

To amend section 4765.401 of the Revised Code 1
regarding emergency medical services and stroke 2
patient protocols. 3

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

Section 1. That section 4765.401 of the Revised Code be 4
amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 4765.401. (A) The (1) Not later than ninety days 6
after the effective date of this amendment, the state board of 7
emergency medical, fire, and transportation services shall 8
develop guidelines for the assessment, triage, and transport to 9
hospitals of stroke patients by emergency medical service 10
personnel. The board shall make the guidelines available on the 11
internet web site maintained by the board. The board shall 12
review the guidelines periodically and update them as needed. If 13
the board updates the guidelines, the board shall make the 14
updated versions available on the web site it maintains. The 15
board may distribute the guidelines and their updated versions 16
in any other manner acceptable to the board. 17

(2) Based on the guidelines developed under division (A) 18
(1) of this section and not later than one hundred eighty days 19

after the effective date of this amendment, the medical director 20
or cooperating physician advisory board of each emergency 21
medical service organization shall establish written protocols 22
for the assessment, treatment, and transport to hospitals of 23
stroke patients by emergency medical service personnel. ~~In~~ When 24
establishing protocols, the medical director or cooperating 25
physician advisory board shall consult with one or more local 26
hospitals. 27

(B) ~~Each~~ (1) The medical director or cooperating physician 28
advisory board of each emergency medical service organization 29
shall provide copies of its protocols annually to the state 30
board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services; 31
the department of health; and the regional director or regional 32
advisory board appointed under section 4765.05 of the Revised 33
Code for the organization's emergency medical services region. 34

(2) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and 35
transportation services shall make available to the public 36
copies of the protocols submitted under division (B) (1) of this 37
section. 38

(C) The medical director or cooperating physician advisory 39
board of each emergency medical service organization shall 40
provide periodically to its emergency medical service personnel 41
training in the assessment and treatment of stroke patients. The 42
training shall address large vessel occlusion. 43

(D) The immunity from civil liability granted by section 44
4765.49 of the Revised Code applies to actions taken under this 45
section. 46

Section 2. That existing section 4765.401 of the Revised 47
Code is hereby repealed. 48