

As Introduced

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To enact section 3722.15 of the Revised Code to 1
require hospital and freestanding emergency 2
departments to be supervised by physicians. 3

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

Section 1. That section 3722.15 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 3722.15. (A) As used in this section: 6

(1) "Freestanding emergency department" means a facility 7
that provides emergency care and is structurally separate and 8
distinct from a hospital. 9

(2) "Physician" means an individual authorized under 10
Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and 11
surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery. 12

(B) During hospital emergency department or freestanding 13
emergency department hours of operation, the hospital or 14
facility shall ensure that each of the following is the case: 15

(1) A physician is on duty and physically present at the 16
emergency department. 17

(2) A physician supervises the emergency department's 18
medical and nursing staff and is immediately available to the 19

<u>staff.</u>	20
<u>(3) A physician coordinates the emergency department's</u>	21
<u>provision of emergency care, including by being continuously</u>	22
<u>involved in appropriate components of such care.</u>	23