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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<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