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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 or a hospital in another state that 17
is certified as a comprehensive stroke center, primary stroke 18
center, or acute stroke ready hospital by an accrediting 19
organization approved by the federal centers for medicare and 20
medicaid services. 21

Sec. 3727.12. (A) A person or government entity seeking 22
recognition of a hospital as a comprehensive stroke center, 23
primary stroke center, or acute stroke ready hospital by the 24
department of health under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code 25
shall file with the department an application for recognition. 26
The application shall be submitted in the manner prescribed by 27
the department. 28

(B) (1) To be eligible for recognition as a comprehensive 29
stroke center under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code, a 30
hospital must be certified as a comprehensive stroke center by 31
an accrediting organization approved by the federal centers for 32
medicare and medicaid services or an organization acceptable to 33
the department under division (C) of this section. 34

(2) To be eligible for recognition as a primary stroke 35
center under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code, a hospital 36
must be certified as a primary stroke center by an accrediting 37
organization approved by the federal centers for medicare and 38
medicaid services or an organization acceptable to the 39
department under division (C) of this section. 40

(3) To be eligible for recognition as an acute stroke ready hospital under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code, a hospital must be certified as an acute stroke ready hospital by an accrediting organization approved by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services or an organization acceptable to the department under division (C) of this section. 41
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(C) For purposes of division (B) of this section, to be acceptable to the department an organization must certify comprehensive stroke centers, primary stroke centers, or acute stroke ready hospitals in accordance with nationally recognized certification guidelines. 47
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Sec. 3727.13. (A) (1) The department of health shall recognize as a comprehensive stroke center a hospital that satisfies the requirements of division (B) (1) of section 3727.12 of the Revised Code and submits a complete application. 52
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(2) (a) The department shall recognize as a primary stroke center a hospital that satisfies the requirements of division (B) (2) of section 3727.12 of the Revised Code and submits a complete application. 56
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(b) If a hospital satisfying the requirements of division (B) (2) of section 3727.12 of the Revised Code has attained supplementary levels of stroke care distinction as identified by an accrediting organization approved by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services or an organization accepted by the department under section 3727.12 of the Revised Code, including by offering patients mechanical endovascular therapy, the department shall include that distinction in its recognition. 60
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(3) The department shall recognize as an acute stroke 69

ready hospital a hospital that satisfies the requirements of 70
division (B) (3) of section 3727.12 of the Revised Code and 71
submits a complete application. 72

(B) The department shall end its recognition of a hospital 73
made under division (A) of this section if the accrediting 74
organization described in division (B) of section 3727.12 of the 75
Revised Code that certified the hospital revokes, rescinds, or 76
otherwise terminates the hospital's certification with that 77
organization or the certification expires. 78

(C) Not later than the first day of January and July each 79
year, the department shall compile and send a list of hospitals 80
recognized under division (A) of this section to the medical 81
director and cooperating physician advisory board of each 82
emergency medical service organization, as defined in section 83
4765.01 of the Revised Code. The department also shall maintain 84
a comprehensive list of recognized hospitals on its internet web 85
site and update the list not later than thirty days after a 86
hospital is recognized under division (A) of this section or its 87
recognition ends under division (B) of this section. 88

Sec. 3727.14. If an accrediting organization approved by 89
the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services or an 90
organization that certifies hospitals in accordance with 91
nationally recognized certification guidelines establishes a 92
level of stroke certification that is in addition to the three 93
levels described in sections 3727.11 to 3727.13 of the Revised 94
Code, the department of health shall recognize a hospital 95
certified at that additional level. 96

For purposes of this section, the department and a 97
hospital shall comply with sections 3727.11 to 3727.13 of the 98
Revised Code as if the certification and recognition described 99

in this section were one of the three levels described in 100
sections 3727.11 to 3727.13 of the Revised Code. 101

Sec. 3727.15. The director of health may adopt rules as 102
the director considers necessary for the implementation of 103
sections 3727.11 to 3727.14 of the Revised Code. The rules shall 104
be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 105

Sec. 4765.401. (A) The medical director or cooperating 106
physician advisory board of each emergency medical service 107
organization shall establish written protocols for the 108
assessment, treatment, and transport to hospitals of stroke 109
patients by emergency medical service personnel. In establishing 110
protocols, the medical director or cooperating physician 111
advisory board shall consult with one or more local hospitals. 112

(B) Each emergency medical service organization shall 113
provide copies of its protocols to the state board of emergency 114
medical, fire, and transportation services and the regional 115
director or regional advisory board appointed under section 116
4765.05 of the Revised Code for the organization's emergency 117
medical services region. 118