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A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

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Sec. 3727.12. (A) A person or government entity seeking

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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

<u>provide copies of its protocols to the department of health; the</u>	106
<u>state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation</u>	107
<u>services; and the regional director or regional advisory board</u>	108
<u>appointed under section 4765.05 of the Revised Code for the</u>	109
<u>organization's emergency medical services region.</u>	110