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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. In doing so, the board shall consult with a diverse 11
group of hospital leaders around this state, including those 12
that represent large health systems, hospitals not affiliated 13
with a large health system, hospitals located in rural 14
communities, as well as comprehensive stroke centers, primary 15
stroke centers, and acute stroke ready hospitals recognized as 16
such by the department of health pursuant to section 3727.13 of 17

the Revised Code. The board shall make the guidelines available 18
on the internet web site maintained by the board. The board 19
shall review the guidelines periodically and update them as 20
needed. If the board updates the guidelines, the board shall 21
make the updated versions available on the web site it 22
maintains. The board may distribute the guidelines and their 23
updated versions in any other manner acceptable to the board. 24

(2) Based on the guidelines developed under division (A) 25
(1) of this section and not later than one hundred eighty days 26
after the effective date of this amendment, the medical director 27
or cooperating physician advisory board of each emergency 28
medical service organization shall establish written protocols 29
for the assessment, treatment, and transport to hospitals of 30
stroke patients by emergency medical service personnel. ~~Fn~~When 31
establishing protocols, the medical director or cooperating 32
physician advisory board shall consult with one or more local 33
hospitals. 34

(B) ~~Each~~ (1) The medical director or cooperating physician 35
advisory board of each emergency medical service organization 36
shall provide copies of its protocols annually to the state 37
board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services; 38
the department of health; and the regional director or regional 39
advisory board appointed under section 4765.05 of the Revised 40
Code for the organization's emergency medical services region. 41

(2) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and 42
transportation services shall make available to the public 43
copies of the protocols submitted under division (B) (1) of this 44
section. 45

(C) The medical director or cooperating physician advisory 46
board of each emergency medical service organization shall 47

provide periodically to its emergency medical service personnel 48
training in the assessment and treatment of stroke patients. The 49
training shall address the assessment of stroke severity. 50

(D) The immunity from civil liability granted by section 51
4765.49 of the Revised Code applies to actions taken under this 52
section. 53

Section 2. That existing section 4765.401 of the Revised 54
Code is hereby repealed. 55