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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF STROKE CENTERS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) The Commissioner of  
4 Public Health shall identify a hospital, upon request, as a primary  
5 stroke center or comprehensive stroke center.

6 (b) The commissioner shall identify as a primary stroke center or  
7 comprehensive stroke center any hospital requesting such  
8 identification that holds a current certification from The Joint  
9 Commission, American Heart Association or other nationally  
10 recognized organization that designates hospitals for stroke care and is  
11 approved by the commissioner as a primary stroke center or  
12 comprehensive stroke center.

13 (c) Any hospital identified by the commissioner as a primary stroke

14 center or comprehensive stroke center shall participate in the  
15 American Heart Association's stroke data collection program or  
16 another confidential and secure stroke data collection program  
17 administered by a nationally recognized organization.

18 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations in  
19 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes to implement the  
20 provisions of this section.

21 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) There is established  
22 within the Department of Public Health a stroke advisory board.

23 (b) The advisory board shall consist of members appointed by the  
24 Commissioner of Public Health as follows: (1) Not fewer than four  
25 members representing the American Academy of Neurology; (2) not  
26 fewer than four persons representing Stroke Coordinators of  
27 Connecticut; (3) not fewer than four persons representing the  
28 American College of Emergency Physicians, Connecticut chapter; (4)  
29 one representative of the American Heart Association; (5) one  
30 representative of the Connecticut Hospital Association; and (6) two  
31 representatives of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board,  
32 established pursuant to section 19a-178a of the general statutes, one  
33 each from said advisory board's paramedic committee and volunteer  
34 committee.

35 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health shall appoint a chairperson  
36 from among the members of the advisory board who shall serve for a  
37 term of one year.

38 (d) The advisory board, in addition to other power conferred and in  
39 addition to functioning in a general advisory capacity, may, in  
40 consultation with the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board: (1)  
41 Adopt a nationally recognized stroke assessment tool; (2) establish care  
42 protocols for emergency medical service organizations relating to the  
43 assessment, treatment and transport of persons with stroke; (3)  
44 establish a plan to achieve continuous quality improvement in the care

45 provided to persons with stroke and the system for stroke response; (4)  
46 review protocols and recommend changes to the commissioner; and  
47 (5) evaluate the status of the stroke care system and recommend  
48 changes to the commissioner."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section