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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 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) There is established

14 within the Department of Public Health a stroke advisory board.

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

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

30 (d) The advisory board, in addition to other power conferred and in
31 addition to functioning in a general advisory capacity, may, in
32 consultation with the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board: (1)
33 Adopt a nationally recognized stroke assessment tool; (2) establish care
34 protocols for emergency medical service organizations relating to the
35 assessment, treatment and transport of persons with stroke; (3)
36 establish a plan to achieve continuous quality improvement in the care
37 provided to persons with stroke and the system for stroke response; (4)
38 review protocols and recommend changes to the commissioner; and
39 (5) evaluate the status of the stroke care system and recommend
40 changes to the commissioner."

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