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HOUSE BILL 600: Regulatory Reform Act of 2023, Sec. 30: Codify Existing Stroke Center Designations and Add a Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center Designation

Committee:
Introduced by:
Analysis of: Sec. 30 of S.L. 2023-137

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OVERVIEW: Section 30 of S.L. 2023-137 codifies existing stroke center designations, creates a new designation for thrombectomy-capable stroke centers, and requires stroke-certified hospitals to report their certifications to the Department of Health and Human Services within 90 days of receiving the certification.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 2, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on October 10, 2023. This section became effective on October 10, 2023.

CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

S.L. 2013-44 directed the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to designate a qualified hospital as primary stroke center if that hospital submits an application that demonstrates the hospital is certified as a primary stroke center by the Joint Commission or other nationally recognized body that requires conformance to best practices for stroke care. DHHS maintains a list of hospitals designated as primary stroke centers on its [website](#). Rules adopted by DHHS provide criteria for designating a hospital as a primary stroke center, comprehensive stroke center, or acute stroke ready hospital.

Section 30 amends the existing stroke designation statute to codify the criteria for designating a hospital as a primary stroke center, comprehensive stroke center, or acute stroke ready hospital, and provides that in addition to a certification from the Joint Commission, a certification from the American Heart Association suffices to qualify as a designated stroke center. This section also creates a new designation for a thrombectomy-capable stroke center for hospitals that are so certified by the American Heart Association, Joint Commission, or other DHHS-approved certifying body, and authorizes DHHS to recognize primary stroke centers that offer muscular endovascular therapies but have not been certified as thrombectomy-capable stroke centers as primary stroke centers with endovascular services. This section also requires certified hospitals to report that certification to DHHS within 90 days of receiving certification.

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