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AN ACT relating to public health; establishing provisions for the designation of certain hospitals as primary stroke centers; authorizing the State Board of Health to adopt regulations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill establishes provisions for the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to acknowledge and prepare a list of hospitals that are designated as primary stroke centers. This bill also authorizes the State Board of Health to adopt regulations relating to such designations. This bill further provides that a licensed hospital which is not designated as a primary stroke center may not advertise that the hospital is a primary stroke center. This bill does not prohibit any hospital from providing care to a victim of stroke, even if the hospital does not receive such a designation.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 449 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A hospital licensed pursuant to NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive, may submit to the Health Division proof that the hospital is certified as a primary stroke center by the Joint Commission, its successor organization or an equivalent organization approved by the Health Division. Upon receiving proof that a hospital is certified as a primary stroke center, the Health Division shall include the hospital on the list established pursuant to subsection 2.

2. On or before July 1 of each year, the Health Division shall post a list of the hospitals designated as primary stroke centers on an Internet website maintained by the Health Division.

3. If a hospital wishes to be included as a primary stroke center on the list established pursuant to subsection 2, the hospital must annually resubmit the proof required pursuant to this section.

4. The Health Division may remove a hospital from the list established pursuant to subsection 2 if the certificate recognizing the hospital as a primary stroke center issued by the Joint Commission, its successor organization or an equivalent organization, as applicable, is suspended or revoked.



5. *A hospital that is not included on the list established pursuant to subsection 2 as a primary stroke center shall not represent, advertise or imply that the hospital is designated as a primary stroke center.*

6. *The provisions of this section do not prohibit a hospital that is licensed pursuant to NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive, from providing care to a victim of stroke if the hospital does not have a designation as a primary stroke center.*

7. *The Board may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section and to designate hospitals with similar certifications which are recognized by the Joint Commission, its successor organization or an equivalent organization.*

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on January 1, 2012.

