

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. House Bill 23

PRINTER NO. 151

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 24, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Mackenzie

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 23 renames the "Primary Stroke Center Recognition Act" (Act 54 of 2012) as the "Stroke System of Care Act," and provides for the designation of hospitals as acute stroke-ready hospitals and comprehensive stroke centers.

Defines the terms "acute stroke-ready hospital," "comprehensive stroke center," and "primary stroke center."

Provides for the Department of Health to recognize the hospitals as acute stroke-ready hospitals or comprehensive stroke centers if they are certified as such by the joint commission or a nationally recognized accrediting organization that provides certification for stroke care. Presently, a primary stroke center is the only recognized designation.

Requires the Department to include comprehensive stroke centers and acute stroke-ready hospitals in its list of certified facilities that is provided to emergency medical services agencies and provides for it to establish protocols to allow a patient to receive the appropriate care at a certified stroke center in the shortest amount of time.

Updates the biannual reporting requirements in the act to include information related to comprehensive stroke centers and acute stroke-ready hospitals.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The administrative responsibilities designated to the Department of Health in House Bill 23 are routine to its general operations and will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth Funds.