
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1311 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY VOGEL, BREWSTER, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, PITTMAN,
ROBINSON, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, BAKER, COMITTA AND MENSCH,
AUGUST 24, 2022

REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AUGUST 24, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 29, 2012 (P.L.549, No.54), entitled "An
2 act establishing a Statewide stroke system of care by
3 recognizing primary stroke centers and directing the creation
4 of emergency medical services training and transport
5 protocols; and providing for the powers and duties of the
6 Department of Health," further providing for recognition of
7 centers.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of May 29, 2012 (P.L.549,
11 No.54), known as the Stroke System of Care Act, is amended by
12 adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 3. Recognition of centers.

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15 (c) Protocols.--The department shall establish protocols for
16 prehospital assessment, treatment and transport of stroke
17 patients by licensed emergency medical services providers that
18 will allow the patient to receive the appropriate care at a
19 certified stroke center in the shortest amount of time. The
20 protocols shall include the use of a severity-based triage

1 algorithm, particularly in establishing plans for triage and
2 transport of stroke patients who have a suspected large vessel
3 occlusion to the closest certified stroke center or a facility
4 that can provide appropriate treatment as determined by medical
5 command. Air transport should be considered if ground transport
6 to the closest certified stroke center is greater than 45
7 minutes.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.