

May 9, 2006

H 1860. PRIMARY STROKE CENTERS. Filed 5/9/06. *TO PROVIDE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF PRIMARY STROKE CENTERS; TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND EMERGENCY CARE PROVIDERS ABOUT THE LOCATION OF PRIMARY STROKE CENTERS; AND TO FACILITATE APPROPRIATE EMERGENT STROKE CARE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE.*

Enacts new Article 18 of GS Chapter 131E, entitled the North Carolina Stroke Systems Act. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to implement a system for identifying and disseminating information about the location of hospitals in North Carolina that are recognized by a national medical accreditation association as primary stroke centers. Requires hospitals that are not primary stroke centers to develop procedures for providing emergent care for stroke patients. Requires emergency medical services systems that utilize emergency medical dispatchers to use diagnostic protocols to facilitate the rapid identification of possible stroke victims and the rapid dispatch of appropriate prehospital providers. Requires emergency medical services systems to adopt procedures to facilitate the identification and transport of suspected stroke victims to an appropriate health care facility. Specifies the required components of these procedures. Authorizes DHHS to adopt rules to implement the act. Effective January 1, 2007.

Intro. by Nye, Wright, England.

GS 131E

July 6, 2006

H 1860. STATEWIDE TRAUMA AND STROKE SYSTEM (NEW). Filed 5/9/06. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Deletes proposed Article 18 of GS Chapter 131E (North Carolina Stroke Systems Act). Amends GS 131E-162 to require that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) incorporate a statewide stroke system within the statewide trauma system (renamed the statewide trauma and stroke system) that includes the operation of a statewide stroke registry. Makes conforming changes to GS 131E-162. Requires that DHHS involve the American Heart Association and physicians who specialize in stroke treatment in the implementation of the stroke system and that DHHS report to the General Assembly on the implementation of stroke system by February 15, 2007. Amends GS 143-510 to increase from 25 to 28 the number of members on the NC Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and to require that the additional three members of Council be neurologists with stroke expertise. Effective August 1, 2006.

July 11, 2006

H 1860. STROKE ADVISORY COUNCIL (NEW). Filed 5/9/06. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Deletes amendments to GS 131E-162, which required that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) create a statewide stroke system within the statewide trauma system. Also deletes amendments to GS 143-510, which increased the number of members on the NC Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council from 25 to 28 members. Replaces those provisions with new GS 143-590(13) to establish a Stroke Advisory Council. Requires that the Council advise the Secretary of DHHS on the development of a statewide system of stroke care. Requires that the Secretary appoint members of the Council and establishes qualifications of members. Provides that in 2006-07, members of the Council will serve without compensation and reimbursement for travel, food, or lodging. Requires that DHHS report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, Fiscal Research and various General Assembly committees on the development of the statewide system of stroke care no later than February 15, 2007.

July 19, 2006

H 1860. STROKE ADVISORY COUNCIL. Filed 5/9/06. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 4th edition. Deletes whereas clauses. Replaces proposed GS 143-509(13) (directing the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a Stroke Advisory Council) with new GS 143B-216.60(j)(10) to require that the Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force establish the Council. Transfers provisions specifying

membership of the Council from proposed GS 143-509(13) to an uncodified provision directing the Task Force to appoint the members listed. Requires that the Task Force submit the Council's recommendations regarding the development of a statewide system of stroke care to listed General Assembly Committees and the Fiscal Research by February 15, 2007.

August 4, 2006

SL 2006-197 (H 1860). STROKE ADVISORY COUNCIL. AN ACT TO DIRECT THE JUSTUS-WARREN HEART DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH AND APPOINT A STROKE ADVISORY COUNCIL. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 5/9/06, 7/6/06, 7/11/06, and 7/19/06. Enacted August 3, 2006. Effective August 3, 2006.