

SENATE, No. 70

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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH license additional angioplasty facilities, with at least one facility in each county.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning licensure of angioplasty facilities and
2 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. The Commissioner of Health shall issue a license to any
8 facility that meets all licensure requirements to provide angioplasty
9 services in this State, with no less than at least one facility in each
10 county.

11 b. A general hospital may apply to the commissioner for a
12 license to provide elective angioplasty services in the State. The
13 commissioner shall issue a license to any facility that, in addition to
14 any other requirements set forth by the commissioner, meets the
15 following requirements:

16 (1) The applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the
17 commissioner:

18 (a) the ability to offer a high quality program for the provision
19 of elective angioplasty services;

20 (b) the ability to provide patient selection from among a
21 community that is representative of the State's diverse regions and
22 populations; and

23 (c) the ability to increase access to care for the medically
24 underserved; and

25 (2) The applicant shall not currently be licensed as a cardiac
26 surgery facility.

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28 2. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt such rules and
29 regulations, in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
30 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as the commissioner deems
31 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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33 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill permits the licensure of additional elective angioplasty
39 facilities and requires the Department of Health (DOH) to issue a
40 license to any facility that meets the licensure requirements to
41 provide angioplasty services, and to ensure that there is at least one
42 licensed angioplasty facility in each county.

43 Angioplasty is a procedure used to open clogged heart arteries by
44 temporarily inserting and inflating a tiny balloon in a clogged artery
45 to help widen the artery. Angioplasty may be combined with the
46 permanent placement of a stent to help prop the artery open and
47 prevent its chance of narrowing again.

1 In 2007, DOH established the elective angioplasty demonstration
2 project, under which the department was authorized to approve up
3 to 12 general hospitals, which were not currently licensed as cardiac
4 surgery facilities, to provide elective angioplasty services. The
5 demonstration project, which ended December 31, 2014, included a
6 study which determined that the safety risk for elective angioplasty
7 procedures performed at demonstration project facilities is
8 statistically equivalent to the safety risk for procedures performed at
9 licensed cardiac surgery facilities.

10 This bill permits general hospitals to apply for licensure to
11 provide elective angioplasty services. The Commissioner of Health
12 would be required to issue a license to any facility that is not
13 currently licensed as a cardiac surgery facility, and which
14 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commissioner: (1) the ability
15 to offer a high quality elective angioplasty program; (2) the ability
16 to provide patient selection from among a community that is
17 representative of the State's diverse regions and populations; (3) the
18 ability to increase access to care for the medically underserved; and
19 (4) the facility has satisfied any other requirements for licensure as
20 established by the commissioner.

21 It is the sponsor's belief that licensure of additional elective
22 angioplasty facilities is necessary to better serve the health care
23 needs of cardiac patients in those communities which currently do
24 not have a convenient licensed cardiac surgery center or elective
25 angioplasty facility available.