

ASSEMBLY, No. 1810

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ERIK PETERSON

District 23 (Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren)

SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to issue license to provide elective angioplasty services to certain qualifying hospitals located in counties of the third class.

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 general hospital may apply to the Commissioner of Health
8 for a license to provide elective angioplasty services in the State.
9 The commissioner shall issue a license to any applicant that:
10 a. is located in a county of the third class having a population
11 of not less than 50,000 but not more than 200,000, except such
12 counties bordering on the Atlantic ocean;
13 b. is not currently licensed as a cardiac surgery facility;
14 c. demonstrates the ability to offer a high quality program for
15 the provision of elective angioplasty services;
16 d. demonstrates the ability to provide patient selection from
17 among a community that is representative of the State's diverse
18 regions and populations;
19 e. demonstrates the ability to increase access to care for the
20 medically underserved; and
21 f. meets such other requirements as the commissioner may
22 establish by regulation.

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

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29 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill permits general hospitals to apply to the Commissioner
35 of Health for a license to provide elective angioplasty services in
36 the State. The commissioner will be required to issue a license to
37 any applicant that: is located in a county of the third class having a
38 population of not less than 50,000 but not more than 200,000,
39 except such counties bordering on the Atlantic ocean; is not
40 currently licensed as a cardiac surgery facility; demonstrates the
41 ability to offer a high quality program for the provision of elective
42 angioplasty services; demonstrates the ability to provide patient
43 selection from among a community that is representative of the
44 State's diverse regions and populations; demonstrates the ability to
45 increase access to care for the medically underserved; and meets
46 any other requirements the commissioner establishes by regulation.

47 Angioplasty is a procedure used to widen clogged arteries and
48 help remove blockages, restoring blood flow and potentially

1 reducing the risk of an adverse cardiac event. In 2012, the
2 Cardiovascular Patient Outcomes Research Team Elective
3 Angioplasty Study (C-PORT-E) concluded that there is no
4 increased risk of death or complications from an elective
5 angioplasty conducted at a facility that does not have cardiac
6 surgery capabilities as compared with a licensed cardiac surgery
7 facility. Although elective angioplasties may currently be
8 performed at any of the 11 facilities that participated in the C-
9 PORT-E study, as well as at any of the 18 licensed cardiac surgery
10 centers located in the State, there are currently seven counties that
11 do not have any facilities licensed to perform elective angioplasties,
12 and an additional six counties that contain only one authorized
13 facility.

14 This bill would require qualifying facilities located in
15 Cumberland, Hunterdon, Salem, Sussex, and Warren Counties be
16 licensed to perform elective angioplasties. It is the sponsor's belief
17 that licensing additional elective angioplasty facilities will help
18 improve access to quality cardiac care for the citizens of New
19 Jersey.