



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 181***

LCO No. 1477



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CROWDING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1,  
2 2024, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Public Health, in  
3 collaboration with the chairpersons of the working group established  
4 pursuant to section 27 of public act 23-97, until January 1, 2025, and a  
5 representative of an association of hospitals in the state, shall (1)  
6 evaluate data concerning each hospital emergency department in the  
7 state from the previous year, including, but not limited to, (A) bed  
8 capacity, (B) the number of patients who received treatment in the  
9 emergency department, (C) the number of emergency department  
10 patients who were admitted to the hospital, (D) for emergency  
11 department patients admitted to the hospital, the average length of time  
12 from the patient's first presentation to the emergency department until  
13 the patient's admission to the hospital, and (E) the number of patients  
14 who were required to wait in the emergency department for an available  
15 bed in the appropriate unit of the hospital after being admitted to the  
16 hospital and the length of time each such patient waited in the  
17 emergency department for such available bed, and (2) post such data for

18 each hospital emergency department on the Department of Public  
19 Health's Internet web site.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |  |  |
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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Commissioner of Public Health to report data regarding emergency department crowding.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*