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Section

- 1** **Definitions.** Adds § 144.492. Defines terms for purposes of this act: “commissioner” as commissioner of health; and “stroke” as the sudden death of brain cells in a localized area due to inadequate blood flow.
- 2** **Criteria.** Adds § 144.493. Sets out criteria for hospitals based on different levels of stroke care capability: comprehensive stroke center; primary stroke center; and acute stroke ready hospital.
- 3** **Designating stroke hospitals.** Adds § 144.494. Provides that no hospital can use the term “stroke center” or “stroke hospital” in its name unless it has been designated such by the commissioner, the joint commission or another nationally recognized accreditation entity.

Permits a hospital that meets criteria set out in section 2 to apply for designation as a stroke center or stroke hospital. Provides such designation would apply for a 3-year period.