



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5273**

February Session, 2022



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-WIDE STROKE REGISTRY.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) The Department of  
2 Public Health shall maintain and operate a state-wide stroke registry.  
3 Such registry shall use the American Heart Association's stroke care  
4 program's data set platform and include information and data on stroke  
5 care in the state that align with the stroke consensus metrics developed  
6 and approved by the American Heart Association.

7 (b) On and after January 1, 2023, each comprehensive stroke center,  
8 thrombectomy-capable stroke center, primary stroke center or acute  
9 stroke-ready hospital shall, on a quarterly basis, submit to the  
10 Department of Public Health data concerning stroke care that are  
11 necessary for including in the state-wide stroke registry, as determined  
12 by the Commissioner of Public Health, and that, at a minimum, align  
13 with the stroke consensus metrics developed and approved by the  
14 American Heart Association.

15 (c) Each comprehensive stroke center, thrombectomy-capable stroke  
16 center, primary stroke center and acute stroke-ready hospital shall  
17 provide access to its records to the Department of Public Health, as the  
18 department deems necessary, to perform case finding or other quality

19 improvement audits to ensure completeness of reporting and data  
20 accuracy consistent with the purposes of this section.

21 (d) The Department of Public Health may enter into a contract for the  
22 receipt, storage, holding or maintenance of the data or files under its  
23 control and management.

24 (e) The Department of Public Health may enter into reciprocal  
25 reporting agreements with the appropriate agencies of other states to  
26 exchange stroke care data.

27 (f) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Department of Public Health, in  
28 consultation with the State of Connecticut Stroke Advisory Council,  
29 shall establish a stroke registry data oversight committee. Such  
30 committee shall monitor the operations of the state-wide stroke registry,  
31 provide advice regarding the oversight of such registry, develop a plan  
32 to improve quality of stroke care and address disparities in the  
33 provision of such care and develop short and long-term goals for  
34 improvement of stroke care in comprehensive stroke centers,  
35 thrombectomy-capable stroke centers, primary stroke centers and acute  
36 stroke-ready hospitals.

37 (g) The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations, in  
38 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to  
39 implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	New section

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**APP**     *Joint Favorable*