
HOUSE BILL 3005

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1 AN ACT Relating to revising the methodology applied to certificates
2 of need for rural coronary health centers; creating new sections;
3 providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that cardiovascular
6 disease is the leading cause of death in Washington state, accounting
7 for approximately forty-two percent of all deaths. The legislature
8 also finds that many of these deaths can be prevented or delayed by
9 reducing risk factors and improving access to services. Some rural
10 areas, such as Walla Walla county, have a disproportionately high
11 average annual rate for heart disease while lacking access to available
12 life-saving medical resources. The legislature further finds that
13 access to quality coronary tertiary health care services must be
14 assured, especially for rural communities.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of health shall revise
16 the methodology applied to certificate of need applications for the
17 tertiary health services of open heart surgery, therapeutic cardiac
18 catheterization, and percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty.

1 (2) The revision shall be a detailed and complete new methodology,
2 which the department shall promptly adopt into rule, replacing the
3 existing methodology.

4 (3) The process used to develop the new methodology shall involve
5 a cross-section of Washington's cardiac surgery programs, cardiac
6 surgeons not directly affiliated with existing hospital programs, and
7 representatives of medical education. The department shall assure
8 administrative and technical requirements of the certificate of need
9 program are met.

10 (4) The department shall provide a report to the health committees
11 of the legislature on the development of a new methodology by July 1,
12 2000, and provide to the health committees of the legislature a copy of
13 the new rules upon adoption.

14 (5) This section expires December 31, 2000.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
17 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
18 immediately.

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