



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 710**

LCO No. 475



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF WAIT TIMES IN  
HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS AND REQUIRING A STUDY  
OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF INCREASING MEDICAID  
REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require the Department of
- 2 Public Health to develop guidelines to reduce wait times in hospital
- 3 emergency departments and the Department of Social Services to study
- 4 the impacts of increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates for emergency
- 5 department visits.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To reduce wait times at hospital emergency departments and require a  
study of the potential impacts of increasing Medicaid reimbursement  
rates for emergency department visits.