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3 By Senators Stutts, Givhan, Butler
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, hospital emergency
6 departments are not required to have a physician
7 physically present on site who is responsible for the
8 emergency department at all times the emergency
9 department is open.

10 This bill would require hospital emergency
11 departments to have at least one physician physically
12 present on site who is responsible for the emergency
13 department at all times the emergency department is
14 open.

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17 A BILL

18 TO BE ENTITLED

19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to hospitals; to require hospitals with
22 emergency departments to have at least one physician
23 physically present on site who is responsible for the
24 emergency department at all times the emergency department is
25 open.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

27 Section 1. As a condition of licensing and renewal,
28 under Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 22, Code of Alabama



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29 1975, a hospital in the state with an emergency department,
30 regardless of classification, must have at least one physician
31 on duty and physically present who is primarily responsible
32 for the emergency department at all times that the emergency
33 department is open.

34 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
35 1, 2026.