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SYNOPSIS:

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

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

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. As a condition of licensing and renewal, 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.