

2007-2008 NC General Assembly

Bills Filed in House of Representatives

Currently Being Tracked by NC Medical Society

Bill: HB21

Sponsors: Ross (D38); Glazier (D45); Jones, Earl (D60); Spear (D2)
Title: RECOVERY OF COSTS IN CIVIL CASES
Summary: An Act to Clarify the Court's Discretion to Allow Court Costs.
Status: 07/11/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws
Position: Neutral

Bill: HB24

Sponsors: Weiss (D35); Glazier (D45)
Title: SMOKING IN STATE GOVT. BUILDINGS/PROHIBITION
Summary: An Act to Protect the Public from the Health Risks of Secondhand Smoke by Prohibiting Smoking in Buildings Owned, Leased, or Occupied by State Government; and to Authorize Local Governments to Regulate Smoking in Buildings and Transportation Vehicles Owned, Leased, or Occupied by Local Government as Recommended by the Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force.
Status: 07/08/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws
Position: Support

Bill: HB50

Sponsors: Weiss (D35); Williams (D6); Faison (D50)
Title: JUSTUS-WARREN TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS
Summary: An Act to Appropriate Funds to Implement the Recommendations of the Stroke Advisory Council of the Justuswarren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force.
Status: 03/29/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations
Position: Support

Bill: HB57

Sponsors: Howard (R79); Yongue (D46); Carney (D102); Almond (R67)
Title: PHASE OUT MEDICAID COUNTY SHARE
Summary: An Act to Phase Out the County Share of the Nonfederal Share of Medicaid Costs Over a Fiveyear Period and to Provide that the Total County Share During the Phaseout Period Shall not Exceed the County Share Paid by Each County for the 20052006 Fiscal Year.
Status: 02/13/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations
Position: Support

Bill: HB103

Sponsors: Cleveland (R14); Dollar (R36); Folwell (R74)
Title: PARENTAL NOTIFICATION TO TREAT MINORS
Summary: An Act Permitting Physicians to Notify the Parent or Guardian of a Minor After Treating the Minor for Venereal Disease, Pregnancy, Abuse of Controlled Substances or Alcohol, or Emotional Disturbance.
Status: 02/14/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB116

Sponsors: Wright (D18); England (D112); Allen, L. (D49)

Title: TISSUE BANK ACCREDITATION

Summary: An Act to Require Certain Tissue Banks Operating in North Carolina to be Accredited by the American Association of Tissue Banks or the Eye Bank Association of America.

Status: 07/19/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget

Position: Support

Bill: HB122

Sponsors: Alexander (D106); Glazier (D45); England (D112)

Title: HEALTH CARE FACILITY EMPLOYEES/FLU VACCINE

Summary: An Act Requiring Hospitals to Provide the Influenza Vaccine at No Cost to All Employees Having Direct Patient Contact, to Report Influenza Vaccination Rates of Employees to the State, and to Provide Education to Hospital Employees About the Risks of Influenza and Benefits of Immunization; and to Require Nursing Homes and Adult Care Homes to Report Influenza Vaccination Rates of Employees.

Status: 02/15/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB123

Sponsors: Alexander (D106); Glazier (D45); England (D112); Martin (D34)

Title: EMERGENCY DEPT. DATA SHARING.-AB

Summary: An Act to Authorize the State Health Director to Share Emergency Department Data with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for Public Health Purposes.

Status: 04/04/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws

Position: Support

Bill: HB136

Sponsors: Faison (D50); Coleman (D39)

Title: LRC STUDY MEDICATION ERRORS

Summary: A Joint Resolution Authorizing the Legislative Research Commission to Study the Incidence of Medical Errors in Health Care Settings, the Impact Medical Errors Have on Patient Safety, and the Benefits of Mandatory Reporting of Medical Errors.

Status: 02/12/2007 – House Committee On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB143

Sponsors: Tolson (D23)

Title: POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGISTS LICENSURE

Summary: An Act Authorizing the Licensure of Polysomnographic Technologists, Authorizing the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board to Increase Its Membership from Ten to Twelve and Allowing the Department of Justice to Conduct Criminal History Record Checks from State and National Repositories of Criminal History of Applicants for Licensure as Polysomnographic Technologists.

Status: 02/12/2007 – House Committee On Finance

Position: Oppose

Bill: HB155

Sponsors: Hilton (R96); Holloway (R91)

Title: CONSCIENCE PROTECTION/HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Summary: An Act to Extend Conscience Protection to Certain Health Care Providers.

Status: 02/13/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary I

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB178

Sponsors: Howard (R79); England (D112)

Title: REQUIRE SUPERVISION/USE OF LASERS/MEDICINE

Summary: An Act Requiring Persons Using Nonablative Treatment in the Practice of Medicine to be Supervised by a Physician Licensed by the North Carolina Medical Board.

Status: 02/14/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Support

Bill: HB244

Sponsors: Stam (R37); Glazier (D45); Moore (R111); Faison (D50)

Title: CIVIL JURY SELECTION/EQUAL CHALLENGES

Summary: An Act to Provide for Equity Between the Parties with Respect to Juror Challenges in Civil Cases.

Status: 07/11/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws

Position: Oppose

Bill: HB245

Sponsors: Faison (D50); Coleman (D39)

Title: MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE COVERAGE

Summary: An Act to Establish a Comprehensive Classification Rating Plan for Professional Liability Insurance for Physicians.

Status: 02/19/2007 – House Committee On Insurance

Position: Oppose

Bill: HB259

Sponsors: Holliman (D81); Hall, L. (D29)

Title: PROHIBIT SMOKING IN PUBLIC AND WORK PLACES

Summary: An Act to Prohibit Smoking in Food and Lodging Establishments and State Government Buildings and Allow Local Governments to Prohibit Smoking in Public Places and Places of Employment.

Status: 05/02/2007 – Failed second reading in the House

Position: Support

Bill: HB265

Sponsors: Insko (D56); Holliman (D81); England (D112); Underhill (D3)

Title: ESTABLISH HEALTH INSURANCE RISK POOL

Summary: An Act to Establish the North Carolina Health Insurance Risk Pool.

Status: 08/02/2007 – Presented to the Governor

Position: Support

Bill: HB337

Sponsors: Wright (D18)

Title: MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT LEVELS/DENTISTS

Summary: An Act to Provide Reimbursement for Dental Services Under the Medicaid Program at the Same Reimbursement Level as for Other Medical Services.

Status: 02/22/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB347

Sponsors: Adams (D58); Alexander (D106); Glazier (D45); Justice (R16)

Title: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF SMOKING

Summary: An Act Authorizing Local Governments to Adopt Laws, Rules, or Ordinances Regulating Smoking in Public Places.

Status: 02/26/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary I

Position: Support

Bill: HB353

Sponsors: Glazier (D45); England (D112)

Title: PUB. HEALTH INFO. ACCESS/HIPAA CLARIFICATION

Summary: An Act to Provide Access to Information for Public Health Purposes in a Manner that is Consistent with the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Medical Privacy Rule and to Clarify that Other Disclosures are Governed by Hipaa.

Status: 06/27/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws

Position: Support

Bill: HB355

Sponsors: Lucas, M. (D42); Dickson (D44); Glazier (D45); Brisson (D22)

Title: AMEND LAW ON AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES

Summary: An Act to Authorize Physicians to Perform Certain Procedures in Ambulatory Surgical Facilities Under Certain Circumstances.

Status: 02/26/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB402

Sponsors: Lucas, M. (D42); Dickson (D44); Glazier (D45)

Title: AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACIL/PAYMENT SYSTEM

Summary: An Act to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, to Implement Federal Changes Regarding Payment Rates for Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

Status: 02/28/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB419

Sponsors: Hilton (R96); Holloway (R91); Killian (R105); Samuelson (R104)

Title: STATE HEALTH PLAN/NO ABORTION COVERAGE

Summary: An Act to Provide that the State Health Plan Shall not Provide Coverage for Abortion Services Except Under Certain Circumstances.

Status: 03/01/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB420

Sponsors: Hilton (R96); Killian (R105); Tillis (R98)

Title: ABORTION-PARENTAL CONSENT NOTARIZED

Summary: An Act to Revise the Procedures Pertaining to Parental Consent for a Minor to Obtain an Abortion.

Status: 03/01/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB431

Sponsors: Goforth (D115); Dollar (R36)

Title: PHASE OUT MERCURY IN CHILDHOOD VACCINES

Summary: An Act Pertaining to the Administration of Thimerosal-Free Vaccines to Certain-Aged Children and Pregnant Women.

Status: 07/27/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care

Position: Oppose

Bill: HB442

Sponsors: Hilton (R96); Stam (R37); Moore (R111); Current (R109)

Title: EXECUTION/PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED

Summary: An Act to Ensure that Assistance Rendered by Any Health Care Professional in the Process of a Lawful Execution by the State Does not Result in Disciplinary or Corrective Action by Any State Authorized Board or Authority, and to Exclude the Administration of Controlled Substances Used in an Execution from the Practice of Medicine.

Status: 03/05/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB446

Sponsors: Faison (D50); Harrison (D57); Goodwin (D66); Hall, L. (D29)

Title: LRC STUDY CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE

Summary: An Act Authorizing the Legislative Research Commission to Study the Doctrine of Contributory Negligence.

Status: 03/29/2007 – House Committee On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

Position: Oppose

Bill: HB447

Sponsors: Faison (D50); Coleman (D39); Blue (D33)

Title: HEALTH CARE PROVIDER/BALANCE BILLING

Summary: An Act to Prohibit Balance Billing by Health Care Providers Under Certain Circumstances.

Status: 03/05/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Oppose

Bill: HB448

Sponsors: Faison (D50); Hall, L. (D29)

Title: ABOLISH HEALTH CARE DISCOVERY PROHIBITIONS

Summary: An Act to Abolish Current Prohibitions Against Discovery of Information and Materials Obtained in Peer Review Proceedings for Certain Health Care Providers.

Status: 03/05/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Oppose

Bill: HB451

Sponsors: Bell (D21); Farmer-Butterfield (D24); Parmon (D72); Fisher (D114)

Title: JOINT STUDY COMPLEMENTARY/ALTERNATIVE MED

Summary: An Act to Establish the Joint Legislative Study Committee on Complementary and Alternative Forms of Medicine.

Status: 05/10/2007 – House Committee On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

Position: Oppose

Bill: HB560

Sponsors: Holloway (R91)

Title: MEDICAID COUNTY SHARE/PHASE-OUT

Summary: An Act to Phase Out the County Share of the Nonfederal Share of Medical Assistance Program Costs.

Status: 03/12/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations

Position: Support

Bill: HB588

Sponsors: Goforth (D115)

Title: UPDATE THE UNAUTHORIZED INSURERS LAWS.-AB

Summary: An Act to Update and Improve Laws Covering Unauthorized Insurers.
Status: 07/28/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws
Position: Support

Bill: HB611
Sponsors: Alexander (D106)
Title: SMOKING ORDINANCES/COUNTIES
Summary: An Act to Authorize Certain Counties to Adopt Ordinances Regulating Smoking in Public Places.
Status: 03/14/2007 – House Committee On Local Government II
Position: Support

Bill: HB625
Sponsors: Insko (D56)
Title: AMEND MH/DD/SA STATUTES/RENAME FACILITIES.-AB
Summary: An Act to Rename Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services Facilities and to Make Other Conforming and Statutory Changes.
Status: 07/05/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws
Position: Neutral

Bill: HB627
Sponsors: Insko (D56)
Title: EXTEND PILOT/CLARIFY LME FUNCTIONS/LME ADMIN
Summary: An Act to Make Changes to and Strengthen the Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services System with Respect To: the First Commitment Pilot Program; Lme Functions, Administration, and Board Membership; the Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services Rule-Making Authority and Professional Staffing; the Quality and Access of Mental Health Services; and Requirements Pertaining to Lme Business Plans.
Status: 08/01/2007 – Presented to the Governor
Position: Neutral

Bill: HB634
Sponsors: Ross (D38)
Title: ADVANCE DIRECTIVES/HEALTH CARE POA
Summary: An Act to Clarify the Right to Make Advance Directives and to Designate Health Care Agents; and to Improve and Simplify the Means of Making These Directives and Designations.
Status: 07/31/2007 – Presented to the Governor
Position: Support

Bill: HB646
Sponsors: Insko (D56); England (D112); Warren, R. (D88); Tarleton (D93)
Title: UNC HOSPITALS & STATEWIDE ACCTS RECEIVABLE .-AB
Summary: An Act to Make the University of North Carolina Health Care System's Debt Collection Practices More Patient Friendly and to Assist Certain Patients.
Status: 07/28/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws
Position: Support

Bill: HB690
Sponsors: Insko (D56)
Title: DNR FORM SIGNATURES
Summary: An Act to Require the Signature of the Patient or the Patient's Parent, Guardian, or Representative on "Do not Resuscitate" Order Forms.

Status: 03/15/2007 – House Committee On Health
Position: Oppose

Bill: **HB692**
Sponsors: Insko (D56); England (D112)
Title: FUNDS FOR HEALTH SAFETY NET PROVIDERS
Summary: An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Research, Demonstrations, and Rural Health Development, for a Grant Program to Assist in the Provision of Primary and Preventive Medical Services to Uninsured or Medically Indigent Patients, as Recommended by the House Select Committee on Health Care.
Status: 03/15/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations
Position: Support

Bill: **HB720**
Sponsors: Earle (D101); Lucas, M. (D42)
Title: NAME CHANGE/DIV. FACI. SVCES/COMMN. HLTH SVCE
Summary: An Act to Change the Name of the Division of Facility Services and the Commission for Health Services to Better Reflect the Functions and Duties Performed by the Division and the Commission.
Status: 07/05/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws
Position: Neutral

Bill: **HB724**
Sponsors: England (D112)
Title: PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICAL CHANGES.-AB
Summary: An Act to Make Clarifying and Other Changes in the Public Health Law Related to the Medical Examiner System, Injury Control Efforts, Timeliness of Reports by Schools Regarding Immunizations, and the Creation, Extension, and Dissolution of Sanitary Districts.
Status: 04/24/2007 – Passed in the House
Position: Neutral

Bill: **HB726**
Sponsors: Luebke (D30); Jeffus (D59)
Title: AMEND ELECTROLYSIS PRACTICE ACT/FEES.AB
Summary: An Act Allowing the North Carolina Board of Electrolysis Examiners to Provide for the Licensure of Laser Hair Practitioners and Laser Hair Practitioner Instructors Upon Meeting Certain Requirements Established by the Board and Authorizing the Board to Charge Fees Related to Those Certifications.
Status: 08/02/2007 – Ratified in the House
Position: Oppose

Bill: **HB731**
Sponsors: Holliman (D81); Goforth (D115)
Title: REVISE LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE LAWS.-AB
Summary: An Act to Protect Consumers Purchasing Annuity Products; Address Portability in Accident and Health and Life Insurance; Make Minor Changes in the Laws on Managed Care External Reviews; Clarify Definitions in Long-Term Care Insurance; Address Small Employer Carrier Plan Elections; Define "Critical Period Conversion Ratio" for Credit Insurance; Make Miscellaneous Amendments to Other Provisions Related to Life and Health Insurance; and Make Technical Corrections in Insurance Code References to the Teachers' and State Employees' Major Medical Plan .
Status: 07/28/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws
Position: Neutral

Bill: HB745

Sponsors: Kiser (R97); Gillespie (R85); Hilton (R96); Frye (R84)

Title: SHERIFFS ACCESS RX INFO

Summary: An Act to Authorize Sheriffs to Inspect Prescription Profiles and Stocks of Controlled Substances.

Status: 03/15/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary II

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB746

Sponsors: Faison (D50)

Title: EXTEND LIABILITY LIMITS TO GENERAL PARTNERS

Summary: An Act to Extend Liability Limitations to All Partnerships.

Status: 03/15/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary I

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB747

Sponsors: Faison (D50)

Title: INS. COMMR./APPROVAL OF MED MAL RATES

Summary: An Act to Authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to Consider Certain Circumstances When Reviewing Proposed Rates Submitted by Medical Malpractice Insurers for Malpractice Insurance Coverage.

Status: 03/15/2007 – House Committee On Insurance

Position: Oppose

Bill: HB748

Sponsors: Lucas, M. (D42); Glazier (D45); Carney (D102)

Title: INSURERS/COVER RX IN EMERGENCIES.-AB

Summary: An Act to Cover Extra Prescriptions During a State of Emergency or Disaster.

Status: 06/27/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB757

Sponsors: Faison (D50)

Title: STUDY RURAL HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS/FUNDS

Summary: An Act Creating the Legislative Study Commission on Rural Internet Access and Appropriating Funds for that Purpose.

Status: 03/15/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations

Position: Support

Bill: HB760

Sponsors: Holliman (D81)

Title: UNC SMOKE-FREE.-AB

Summary: An Act to Allow Regulation of Smoking on the Campuses of the Unc Health Care System, the Facilities of the East Carolina School of Medicine and Physicians Practice Plan, and the Buildings and Grounds of the Constituent Institutions of the University of North Carolina.

Status: 04/04/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary II

Bill: HB771

Sponsors: Alexander (D106); England (D112)

Title: IMMUNIZATION CHANGES.-AB

Summary: An Act Pertaining to the Universal Childhood Immunization Program in the Department of Health and Human Services; Providing for Assessment of Health Insurers for the Purchase, Storage, Distribution, and Quality Assurance of Certain Vaccines; and Authorizing an

Administration Fee for Providers that Administer Vaccines.

Status: 03/15/2007 – House Committee On Insurance

Position: Support

Bill: HB774

Sponsors: Sutton (D47); Faison (D50)

Title: DEFENDANT'S LIABILITY FOR CODEFENDANT-AGENT

Summary: An Act to Authorize the Court, Upon the Motion of the Plaintiff or of Its Own Initiative in a Pending Civil Action Involving More Than One Defendant Where (1) the Liability of a Defendant is Based Solely on the Acts or Omissions of a Codefendant as the Agent of this Defendant and (2) There is No Genuine Issue that the Codefendant is the Agent of this Defendant, to Prohibit this Defendant from Participating Further in Discovery and in the Presentation of the Defendants' Case at Trial.

Status: 03/15/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary III

Position: Oppose

Bill: HB818

Sponsors: Allen, L. (D49)

Title: AMEND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE LAWS.-AB

Summary: An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Practice of Medicine and to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Practice of Dentistry.

Status: 08/02/2007 – Ratified in the House

Position: Support

Bill: HB879

Sponsors: Jeffus (D59); Fisher (D114); Goodwin (D66); Coleman (D39)

Title: MODIFY SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

Summary: An Act to Amend the Statutes Pertaining to the School Health Education Program.

Status: 05/02/2007 – House Committee On Education

Bill: HB892

Sponsors: Faison (D50)

Title: UPDATE LICENSURE ACT/SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS

Summary: An Act to Update the Licensure Act for Speech and Language Pathologists and Audiologists.

Status: 07/24/2007 – Presented to the Governor

Position: Amend

Bill: HB901

Sponsors: Insko (D56); Harrell, J. (D90); Harrison (D57); Coleman (D39)

Title: HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

Summary: An Act to Amend the North Carolina Constitution to Recognize the Right to Health Care.

Status: 03/20/2007 – House Committee On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB938

Sponsors: Alexander (D106); Farmer-Butterfield (D24); England (D112)

Title: SCHOOLS PROVIDE INFO ON CERVICAL CANCER

Summary: An Act to Ensure that Educational Materials are Provided So that Schools Provide Information to Parents and Guardians Concerning Cervical Cancer, Cervical Dysplasia, Human Papillomavirus, and the Vaccines Available to Prevent These Diseases.

Status: 03/21/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB961
Sponsors: Earle (D101); Howard (R79); Faison (D50); Harrison (D57)
Title: COMPASSIONATE CARE/VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT
Summary: An Act to Require Hospitals and Urgent Care Facilities that Provide Emergency Care to Victims of Sexual Assault to Offer Emergency Contraception Pills to Those Victims.
Status: 03/22/2007 – House Committee On Health
Position: Support w/Amendments

Bill: HB963
Sponsors: Faison (D50)
Title: ELECT MEDICAL BOARD/FEES/REPORT MISCONDUCT
Summary: An Act to Provide for the Election of Physician Members of the North Carolina Medical Board, to Authorize the Medical Board to Collect Reasonable Fees to Cover the Costs of this Election, to Provide Information to the Public Regarding Certain Damage Awards or Settlements of Medical Malpractice Actions and Claims, and to Require the Reporting of Sexual Misconduct by a Physician or a Physician Assistant to the Medical Board When the Conduct Was Subject to Peer Review.
Status: 03/22/2007 – House Committee On Health
Position: Oppose

Bill: HB964
Sponsors: Clary (R110); Earle (D101); Farmer-Butterfield (D24)
Title: EXPAND DEFINITION OF HOME CARE SERVICES
Summary: An Act to Expand the Definition of Home Care Services to Include In-Home Companion, Sitter, and Respite Care Services Provided to an Individual.
Status: 07/27/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care

Bill: HB967
Sponsors: Alexander (D106); Saunders (D99); Carney (D102); Dollar (R36)
Title: HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS/STD. INSURANCE CARD
Summary: An Act to Require Health Benefit Plans to Issue Insurance Identification Cards to Policyholders.
Status: 03/22/2007 – House Committee On Insurance
Position: Support

Bill: HB968
Sponsors: Alexander (D106); Carney (D102); Dollar (R36); Samuelson (R104)
Title: HEALTH INSURANCE/PROMPT PAY TIME LINES
Summary: An Act to Impose Time Limitations on Overpayment Recovery Under the Prompt Claim Payments Statute.
Status: 03/22/2007 – House Committee On Insurance
Position: Support

Bill: HB969
Sponsors: Clary (R110); Earle (D101); Hill (D20); Parmon (D72)
Title: NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN LICENSING ACT
Summary: An Act to Establish the North Carolina Naturopathic Physicians Licensure Act.
Status: 03/22/2007 – House Committee On Health
Position: Oppose

Bill: HB973
Sponsors: Alexander (D106); Insko (D56); Wainwright (D12); Holliman (D81)
Title: MENTAL HEALTH EQUITABLE COVERAGE
Summary: An Act to Require Mandatory Health Insurance Coverage of Certain Mental Illnesses and to

Require at Least a Minimum Benefit Package for Other Mental Illnesses.

Status: 07/27/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB1140

Sponsors: Gibson (D69)

Title: SALES TAX MEDICAID SWAP

Summary: An Act to Shift the Entire Nonfederal Share of Medicaid to the State and to Make Corresponding Changes to State and Local Revenue Streams.

Status: 03/28/2007 – House Committee On Finance

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB1178

Sponsors: Alexander (D106); Insko (D56); Glazier (D45); Harrison (D57)

Title: CITIES/REGULATE SMOKING

Summary: An Act to Authorize Certain Cities to Regulate Smoking in Public Places.

Status: 03/29/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary I

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB1184

Sponsors: McLawhorn (D9); Warren, E. (D8); Williams (D6)

Title: ECU INDIGENT CARE FUNDS

Summary: An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina to Reimburse Ecu's Brody School of Medicine for the Provision of Vital Health Care Services.

Status: 03/29/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB1227

Sponsors: McComas (R19)

Title: NEW HANOVER REGIONAL MEDICAL CTR/CONTRACTS

Summary: An Act Exempting New Hanover Regional Medical Center, a New Hanover County Hospital, from Statutory Requirements Governing Public Contracts.

Status: 06/14/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB1249

Sponsors: Alexander (D106); Cunningham (D107); Pierce (D48); Hall, L. (D29)

Title: AIRPORT AUTHORITIES/NO SMOKING

Summary: An Act to Allow Certain Airport Authorities to Make Airport Terminals Owned by the Authority Smokefree.

Status: 05/17/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary II

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB1294

Sponsors: Howard (R79); Justice (R16)

Title: NO SMOKING/LTC FACILITIES

Summary: An Act to Prohibit Smoking Inside Long-Term Care Facilities.

Status: 08/01/2007 – Presented to the Governor

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB1307

Sponsors: Sutton (D47); Holliman (D81); Parmon (D72); Rapp (D118)

Title: REENACT CHIROPRACTIC PROVISION
Summary: An Act to Reenact a Law Concerning Health Benefit Plan Copayments for Chiropractic Services.
Status: 04/05/2007 – House Committee On Insurance
Position: Neutral

Bill: HB1339
Sponsors: McLawhorn (D9)
Title: INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE/CHANGES
Summary: An Act to Appropriate Funds to the North Carolina Institute of Medicine and to Remove the Cap on the Institute's Membership.
Status: 04/09/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations
Position: Support

Bill: HB1358
Sponsors: Johnson (R83); Parmon (D72); Harrison (D57); Wiley (R61)
Title: CONSUMER HEALTH FREEDOM ACT
Summary: An Act to Establish the Consumer Health Freedom Act for Complementary and Alternative Forms of Health Care Services and to Facilitate Access to Alternative Health Care Services.
Status: 04/09/2007 – House Committee On Health
Position: Oppose

Bill: HB1361
Sponsors: England (D112); Wilkins (D55)
Title: INCREASE FEE/MEDICAL RECORDS COPYING
Summary: An Act to Increase the Minimum Fee for Copying and Searching Medical Records.
Status: 04/09/2007 – House Committee On Finance
Position: Support

Bill: HB1363
Sponsors: Justice (R16); Goodwin (D66)
Title: LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH/INSPECTION FEES
Summary: An Act to Authorize Local Boards of Health to Impose Fees for the Regulation of Food and Lodging Facilities.
Status: 05/21/2007 – House Committee On Finance
Position: Neutral

Bill: HB1369
Sponsors: Farmer-Butterfield (D24); England (D112); Allen, L. (D49)
Title: PRESCRIPTION ORDERS/ELECTRONIC IMAGE
Summary: An Act Pertaining to the Preservation of Prescription Drug Orders by Pharmacies and to Permit Medical Consent and Authorization Forms to be Kept in the Same Electronic Format as Other Medical Records.
Status: 07/20/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws
Position: Neutral

Bill: HB1372
Sponsors: Clary (R110); Wainwright (D12); Holliman (D81); Folwell (R74)
Title: ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION/THE HEART PREVAILS
Summary: An Act to Enact the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act; to Provide that the Decision to Have the Heart Symbol on One's Drivers License is Legally Sufficient Consent to Organ Donation Unless Revoked by the Donor; to Improve Donor or Prospective Donor Online Access to Indicate or Revoke Organ and Tissue Donation; and to Make Conforming Changes to Other Affected General Statutes.

Status: 07/27/2007 – Presented to the Governor
Position: Neutral

Bill: **HB1374**
Sponsors: Weiss (D35); Dickson (D44); Glazier (D45); Blue (D33)
Title: PROTECT HOMEOWNERS/REDUCE FORECLOSURE
Summary: An Act to Overturn the Shepard Case and Amend the Limitation Regarding Actions to Recover for Usury; to Overturn the Skinner Case and Amend the Long-Arm Statute to Allow North Carolina Courts to Exercise Personal Jurisdiction Over Certain Nonresident Defendants; to Require that a Notice of Foreclosure Contain Certain Information; and to Provide for Mortgage Debt Collection and Servicing.
Status: 08/01/2007 – Presented to the Governor
Position: Neutral

Bill: **HB1381**
Sponsors: Tolson (D23)
Title: RESP. CARE BD./BD. OF MED. LICENSE FEES
Summary: An Act Authorizing the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board to Raise the Ceiling on Certain Licensure Fees and Authorizing the North Carolina Medical Board to Establish and Increase Certain Fees.
Status: 08/02/2007 – Presented to the Governor
Position: Oppose

Bill: **HB1424**
Sponsors: Michaux (D31); Owens (D1); Yongue (D46); Stam (R37)
Title: MEDICAID COUNTY SHARE REDUCED
Summary: An Act to Permanently Cap the County Share of Medicaid Expenditures and to Appropriate Funds for the Increased State Share Resulting from the Cap on the County Share.
Status: 04/12/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations
Position: Neutral

Bill: **HB1476**
Sponsors: Adams (D58); Insko (D56); Barnhart (R82); England (D112)
Title: HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ALL CHILDREN
Summary: An Act to Establish the Carolina Cares for Children Health Insurance Program.
Status: 04/16/2007 – House Committee On Insurance
Position: Neutral

Bill: **HB1492**
Sponsors: England (D112); Harrell, J. (D90)
Title: ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS LICENSURE
Summary: An Act Authorizing the Licensure of Anesthesiologist Assistants.
Status: 06/29/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws
Position: Support

Bill: **HB1520**
Sponsors: Faison (D50)
Title: SELECTION OF ALTERNATE JURORS
Summary: An Act to Clarify the Number of Peremptory Challenges Available with Respect to Selection of Alternate Jurors in Civil Cases.
Status: 04/17/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary III
Position: Oppose

Bill: HB1590
Sponsors: England (D112)
Title: HLTH INS. POLICY CHANGE/FISCAL IMPACT
Summary: An Act to Require Insurers that Provide Health Benefit Plans to Provide Health Care Providers with a Fiscal Impact Report When the Insurer Makes a Substantial Policy Change.
Status: 04/19/2007 – House Committee On Health
Position: Support

Bill: HB1604
Sponsors: Gillespie (R85); Hilton (R96)
Title: CIVIL JUSTICE IMPROVEMENT ACT-2
Summary: An Act to Amend the Laws Impacting Medical Malpractice Insurance Rates to Improve the Cost of Providing Health Care in North Carolina and to Appropriate Funds to Implement the Act.
Status: 04/19/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary I
Position: Support

Bill: HB1623
Sponsors: Faison (D50); Goodwin (D66)
Title: WORKER'S COMP/MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC TESTING
Summary: An Act to Require the Attending Physician of an Employee to Select the Health Care Provider and the Diagnostic Services Center to Administer and Analyze Any Diagnostic Tests Authorized by a Physician Under the Workers' Compensation Act.
Status: 05/24/2007 – Senate Committee On Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Position: Support

Bill: HB1667
Sponsors: Goforth (D115); England (D112); Rapp (D118)
Title: APPEAL BOND FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
Summary: An Act to Modify Appeal Bonds in Medical Malpractice Actions.
Status: 04/19/2007 – House Committee On Health
Position: Support

Bill: HB1668
Sponsors: Goforth (D115); England (D112); Rapp (D118)
Title: BIFURCATION OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE TRIALS
Summary: An Act to Allow for Bifurcation of Issues of Liability and Damages in Medical Malpractice Actions.
Status: 04/19/2007 – House Committee On Health
Position: Support

Bill: HB1669
Sponsors: Goforth (D115); England (D112); Rapp (D118)
Title: MEDICAL MALPRACTICE SETTLEMENT REPORTS
Summary: An Act to Provide for the Reporting of Details of Settlements of Medical Malpractice Claims.
Status: 04/19/2007 – House Committee On Health
Position: Support

Bill: HB1670
Sponsors: Goforth (D115); England (D112); Rapp (D118)
Title: PERIODIC PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
Summary: An Act to Allow for Payment of Future Expenses Arising from Medical Malpractice Actions to be by Periodic Payments.
Status: 04/19/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Support

Bill: HB1671

Sponsors: Glazier (D45); England (D112); Rapp (D118); Allen, L. (D49)

Title: ARBITRATION/NEGLIGENT HEALTH CARE ACTIONS

Summary: An Act to Provide for the Arbitration of Claims for Personal Injury or Wrongful Death Based on Alleged Negligence in the Provision of Health Care, Upon the Agreement of All Parties.

Status: 07/23/2007 – Presented to the Governor

Position: Support

Bill: HB1722

Sponsors: England (D112); Rapp (D118)

Title: LIMIT LIABILITY FOR EMERGENCY ROOM CARE

Summary: An Act to Provide the Public Greater Access to Emergency Medical Care by Providing Limited Protection from Liability to Those Providing Emergency Medical Care.

Status: 04/19/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Support

Bill: HB1738

Sponsors: Alexander (D106); Insko (D56); Glazier (D45); Allen, L. (D49)

Title: ADVISORY COMM./HOSP. INFECTION INCIDENCE

Summary: An Act to Establish the Advisory Commission on Hospital Infection Control and Disclosure.

Status: 08/02/2007 – Presented to the Governor

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB1794

Sponsors: Luebke (D30)

Title: REVIEW MEDICAL RECORDS HELD BY MEDICAL BOARD

Summary: An Act to Allow a Person to Review Medical Records Held by the North Carolina Medical Board Under Certain Circumstances.

Status: 04/19/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB1836

Sponsors: England (D112)

Title: CONFIDENTIALITY/COMPETITIVE HEALTH CARE INFO

Summary: An Act to Make Changes to the Law Pertaining to Confidentiality of Competitive Health Care Information.

Status: 04/19/2007 – House Committee On Health

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB1878

Sponsors: Dickson (D44); Carney (D102); Farmer-Butterfield (D24); Wiley (R61)

Title: CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE TASK FORCE FUNDS

Summary: An Act to Appropriate Funds to Continue the Work of the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine; and Pertaining to Laboratory Tests for Kidney Disease.

Status: 04/26/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations

Bill: HB1999

Sponsors: McLawhorn (D9); Warren, E. (D8); Williams (D6)

Title: FUNDS FOR THE ECU FAMILY MEDICINE CENTER

Summary: An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Family Medicine Center at the Brody School of

Medicine at East Carolina University.

Status: 05/10/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB2015

Sponsors: Wainwright (D12)

Title: POLYSOMNOGRAPHY PRACTICE ACT

Summary: An Act Establishing the Polysomnography Practice Act.

Status: 05/10/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary II

Position: Oppose

Bill: HB2030

Sponsors: Mobley (D5)

Title: MEDICAID COUNTY SHARE/PHASE OUT

Summary: An Act to Phase Out the County Share of the Nonfederal Share of Medical Assistance Program Costs.

Status: 05/10/2007 – House Committee On Appropriations

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB2044

Sponsors: Luebke (D30); Wainwright (D12); Gibson (D69); Weiss (D35)

Title: 2007 CONTINUING BUDGET AUTHORITY

Summary: An Act Authorizing the Director of the Budget to Continue Expenditures for the Operation of Government at the Level in Effect on June 30, 2007; Appropriating Funds for Increases in the Average Daily Membership in the Public Schools; Extending the Provision that Permits Retired Teachers to Return to the Classroom Without a Loss of Retirement Benefits; Delaying the Effective Date of Changes to the Medicaid Estate Recovery Plan; and Extending the Sunset on the Additional One-Quarter Cent State Sales and Use Tax from July 1, 2007, Until August 1, 2007.

Status: 06/29/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws