

## 2007-2008 NC General Assembly

### Bills Filed in Senate

#### Currently Being Tracked by NC Medical Society

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**Bill: SB4**

**Sponsors:** Snow (D50)

**Title:** SHERIFFS ACCESS RX INFO

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

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

**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB12**

**Sponsors:** Boseman (D9)

**Title:** RECOVERY OF COSTS IN CIVIL CASES

**Summary:** An Act to Clarify the Court's Discretion to Allow Court Costs.

**Status:** 02/12/2007 – Senate Committee On Judiciary I

**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB43**

**Sponsors:** Purcell (D25)

**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, as Recommended by the Justuswarren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force.

**Status:** 02/12/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care

**Position:** Support

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**Bill: SB46**

**Sponsors:** Pittenger (R39)

**Title:** BIRTH CERTIFICATE/STILLBORN INFANTS

**Summary:** An Act to Authorize the Establishment of a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth.

**Status:** 02/12/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care

**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB64**

**Sponsors:** Forrester (R41)

**Title:** LRC STUDY MEDICAL 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 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB66**

**Sponsors:** Forrester (R41)

**Title:** LRC STUDY ENV. CAUSES OF CANCER  
**Summary:** A Joint Resolution Authorizing the Legislative Research Commission to Study the Known Environmental Causes and Triggers of Cancer.  
**Status:** 02/12/2007 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** SB71  
**Sponsors:** Pittenger (R39)  
**Title:** STATE RETIREES HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUNDS  
**Summary:** An Act Appropriating Funds for Establishing the North Carolina State Retirees Health Benefits Trust Fund.  
**Status:** 02/12/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** SB72  
**Sponsors:** Pittenger (R39)  
**Title:** HEALTH CARE LIABILITY CLAIMS  
**Summary:** An Act to Limit the Amount of Damages that May be Awarded in Civil Actions Against Health Care Providers for Health Care Liability Claims, to Otherwise Reform Health Care Liability, and to Make Conforming Changes.  
**Status:** 02/12/2007 – Senate Committee On Judiciary I  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** SB89  
**Sponsors:** Kinnaird (D23)  
**Title:** LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON LETHAL INJECTION  
**Summary:** An Act to Establish the Legislative Study Commission on Lethal Injection and to Delay the Setting of Executions for a Definite Period Until the Study is Completed.  
**Status:** 02/12/2007 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** SB114  
**Sponsors:** Berger, P. (R26)  
**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:** 02/12/2007 – Senate Committee On Judiciary I  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** SB124  
**Sponsors:** Rand (D19)  
**Title:** LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF SMOKING  
**Summary:** An Act Authorizing Local Governments to Adopt Laws, Rules, or Ordinances Regulating Smoking in Public Places.  
**Status:** 02/13/2007 – Senate Committee On Judiciary I  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB159  
**Sponsors:** Forrester (R41)  
**Title:** PRESC. DRUG DATA CONFIDENTIAL  
**Summary:** An Act Prohibiting the License, Transfer, Use, or Sale of Pharmacy Prescription Information for Commercial Purposes.

**Status:** 02/14/2007 – Senate Committee On Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **SB162**  
**Sponsors:** Berger, D. (D7)  
**Title:** PREVENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG FRAUD  
**Summary:** An Act to Require Health Care Providers Authorized to Write Prescriptions for Certain Controlled Substances to Use a Stateprovided Secure Prescription Pad, to Require Pharmacists to Fill Only Those Prescriptions Written on Stateprovided Secure Prescription Pads, and to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for the Purchase of Software and Services to Implement this Act.  
**Status:** 02/14/2007 – Senate Committee On Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** **SB163**  
**Sponsors:** Berger, D. (D7)  
**Title:** ESTABLISH HIGH RISK POOL  
**Summary:** An Act to Establish the North Carolina Health Insurance Risk Pool.  
**Status:** 02/14/2007 – Senate Committee On Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **SB177**  
**Sponsors:** Rand (D19)  
**Title:** HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE/RISK POOL  
**Summary:** An Act to Provide Access to Health Insurance Coverage to Certain Individuals Through the Establishment of the North Carolina Health Insurance Risk Pool.  
**Status:** 02/15/2007 – Senate Committee On Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **SB213**  
**Sponsors:** Brock (R34)  
**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.  
**Status:** 02/20/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **SB260**  
**Sponsors:** Dorsett (D28)  
**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:** 05/31/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **SB337**  
**Sponsors:** Snow (D50)  
**Title:** MENTAL HEALTH/LME BOARD STRUCTURE  
**Summary:** An Act to Amend the Structure of Local Management Entity Boards Pertaining to the Service of County Managers and the Number of Board Members.  
**Status:** 05/03/2007 – House Committee On Mental Health Reform  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB376**  
**Sponsors:** Rand (D19)  
**Title:** AMEND NURSE PRACTICE ACT  
**Summary:** An Act Authorizing the North Carolina Board of Nursing to Acquire Property, Conduct Evidence Hearings by Panels, Serve Subpoenas Issued by the Board, and Establish Standards for Applicant Requirements for Medication Aide Training.  
**Status:** 06/29/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB399**  
**Sponsors:** Purcell (D25)  
**Title:** FUNDS FOR NURSING ACCREDITATION  
**Summary:** An Act to Appropriate Funds to the North Carolina Community College System for Nursing Accreditation Status Activities.  
**Status:** 02/28/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB480**  
**Sponsors:** Brock (R34)  
**Title:** NO ABORTION COVERAGE/STATE HLTH PLAN  
**Summary:** An Act to Prohibit Coverage for Abortions Under the Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan.  
**Status:** 03/05/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB481**  
**Sponsors:** Brock (R34)  
**Title:** NOTARIZED CONSENT FOR MINOR'S ABORTION  
**Summary:** An Act to Revise the Procedures Pertaining to Parental Consent for a Minor to Obtain an Abortion.  
**Status:** 03/05/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB583**  
**Sponsors:** Purcell (D25)  
**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:** 07/08/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB613**  
**Sponsors:** Hartsell (R36)  
**Title:** 2007 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT  
**Summary:** An Act to Make Technical Amendments to the General Statutes as Requested by the General Statutes Commission, and to Make Various Other Technical Changes to the General Statutes and Session Laws.  
**Status:** 08/02/2007 – Ratified in the Senate  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB635**

**Sponsors:** Cowell (D16)  
**Title:** PROHIBIT SMOKING/PUBLIC PLACES  
**Summary:** An Act to Prohibit Smoking in Public Places and Places of Employment.  
**Status:** 03/12/2007 – Senate Committee On Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB641  
**Sponsors:** Clodfelter (D37)  
**Title:** COUNTY ORDINANCES/SMOKING  
**Summary:** An Act to Authorize Certain Counties to Adopt Ordinances Regulating Smoking in Public Places.  
**Status:** 03/12/2007 – Senate Committee On Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB662  
**Sponsors:** Purcell (D25)  
**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:** 03/12/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB666  
**Sponsors:** Garrou (D32)  
**Title:** EXPAND NC INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE MEMBERSHIP  
**Summary:** An Act to Authorize an Expansion of the Membership of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine.  
**Status:** 04/25/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** SB676  
**Sponsors:** Berger, D. (D7)  
**Title:** CERTIFICATE OF NEED/COUNTY ACTION  
**Summary:** An Act Creating the State Government Employment Pay Equity Study Commission and Appropriating Funds for that Purpose.  
**Status:** 06/07/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB685  
**Sponsors:** Kinnaird (D23)  
**Title:** STUDY DNR FORM SIGNATURES  
**Summary:** An Act to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Study Requiring the Signature of the Patient's Parent, Guardian, or Representative on "Do not Resuscitate" Order Forms.  
**Status:** 05/29/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary I  
**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** SB710  
**Sponsors:** Purcell (D25)  
**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:** 03/14/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB712  
**Sponsors:** Purcell (D25)  
**Title:** INSURERS/COVER RX IN EMERGENCIES.-AB  
**Summary:** An Act to Require Insurers to Cover Extra Prescriptions During a State of Emergency or Disaster.  
**Status:** 03/14/2007 – Senate Committee On Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** SB713  
**Sponsors:** Garrou (D32)  
**Title:** INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE FUNDS  
**Summary:** An Act to Appropriate Funds to the North Carolina Institute of Medicine.  
**Status:** 03/14/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB730  
**Sponsors:** Hartsell (R36)  
**Title:** INCREASE FEE/MEDICAL RECORDS COPYING  
**Summary:** An Act to Increase the Minimum Fee for Copying and Searching Medical Records.  
**Status:** 03/14/2007 – Senate Committee On Finance  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB736  
**Sponsors:** Dalton (D46)  
**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 Longterm 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:** 03/14/2007 – Senate Committee On Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** SB740  
**Sponsors:** Clodfelter (D37)  
**Title:** UNDERTAKING TO STAY MONEY JUDGMENT  
**Summary:** An Act to Require a Court to Determine, After Notice and Hearing, Whether the Amount of Undertaking to Stay Execution on a Money Judgment Pending Appeal is Proper and Reasonable Based on the Consideration of Certain Specific Relevant Factors.  
**Status:** 03/14/2007 – Senate Committee On Judiciary I  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB759  
**Sponsors:** Dannelly (D38)  
**Title:** HEALTH INSURANCE/INFERTILITY COVERAGE  
**Summary:** An Act to Require the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan, and Insurance Companies and Health Maintenance Organizations Doing Business in this State, to Provide Coverage for Infertility Treatment.  
**Status:** 03/14/2007 – Senate Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits

**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB768**

**Sponsors:** Hartsell (R36)

**Title:** TEMP. DHHS EXEMPT/RECREATION THERAPY ACT

**Summary:** An Act to Amend the North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Act to Exempt Certain Persons Employed Under the Direction of the Department of Health and Human Services Until July 1, 2010.

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

**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB835**

**Sponsors:** Jones, Ed (D4)

**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:** 03/19/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care

**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB862**

**Sponsors:** Purcell (D25)

**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:** 06/27/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws

**Position:** Support

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**Bill: SB864**

**Sponsors:** Purcell (D25)

**Title:** AMEND CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE ACT

**Summary:** An Act to Amend the Chiropractic Practice Act to Require Criminal Record Checks on Applicants for Licensure as Chiropractic Physicians, to Prohibit Chiropractors from Offering Enticements to Prospective Patients, to Expand the Grounds for Professional Discipline of Chiropractors; to Amend the Perfusionist Licensure Act, and to Make Changes to the Appointing Process for the North Carolina State Board of Opticians.

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

**Position:** Support

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**Bill: SB871**

**Sponsors:** Boseman (D9)

**Title:** COUNTY-OWNED PUBLIC HOSPITALS/CONTRACTS

**Summary:** An Act Exempting County-Owned Hospitals from Most Statutory Requirements Governing Public Contracts.

**Status:** 03/19/2007 – Senate Committee On Judiciary I

**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB877**

**Sponsors:** Bingham (R33)

**Title:** VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS/FREE CLINICS

**Summary:** An Act to Deem Volunteer Health Care Providers as State Agents for Delivery of Certain Health Care Services to Patients of Clinics that Provide Health Care Services Without Charge to Encourage Volunteerism at Such Clinics.

**Status:** 03/19/2007 – Senate Committee On Judiciary I  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** **SB917**  
**Sponsors:** Nesbitt (D49)  
**Title:** FUNDS FOR NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS  
**Summary:** An Act to Authorize Up to Three Communitybased Cleansyringesafesyringe Exchange Programs in Counties or Districts that Apply and are Selected to Participate by the State Health Director; and to Appropriate Funds for the Programs.  
**Status:** 03/20/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **SB918**  
**Sponsors:** Nesbitt (D49)  
**Title:** AMEND MH/DD/SA STATUTES/RENAME FACILITIES.-AB  
**Summary:** An Act to Amend the Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services Statutes and to Rename Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services Facilities.  
**Status:** 03/20/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **SB954**  
**Sponsors:** Clodfelter (D37)  
**Title:** POPULAR ELECTION  
**Summary:** An Act to Establish North Carolina as a Member of the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.  
**Status:** 05/16/2007 – House Committee On Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **SB959**  
**Sponsors:** Clodfelter (D37)  
**Title:** STUDY NO-FAULT FOR ELDERLY DISABLED CARE  
**Summary:** An Act to Direct a Joint Study of Creating a System of Nofault Compensation for Injuries Resulting from Care Provided at Nursing Homes, Homes for the Elderly, Other Longterm Care Facilities, and Assisted Living Facilities.  
**Status:** 03/20/2007 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **SB968**  
**Sponsors:** Cowell (D16)  
**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:** 03/20/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **SB1006**  
**Sponsors:** Rand (D19)  
**Title:** CONFIDENTIALITY/COMPETITIVE HEALTH CARE INFO  
**Summary:** An Act to Make Changes to the Law Pertaining to Confidentiality of Competitive Health Care Information.  
**Status:** 05/17/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary II  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB1010**

**Sponsors:** Apodaca (R48)

**Title:** STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS DISCOUNT RATE

**Summary:** An Act to Amend the Discount Rate of Interest Regarding Structured Settlement Payments.

**Status:** 05/29/2007 – First reading in the House

**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB1013**

**Sponsors:** Pittenger (R39)

**Title:** INITIATIVES TO REDUCE MEDICAID COSTS

**Summary:** An Act to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, to Develop a Demonstration Project to Improve the Efficiency and Cost-Effectiveness of the Medicaid Program.

**Status:** 03/21/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget

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**Bill: SB1032**

**Sponsors:** Clodfelter (D37)

**Title:** HEALTH INSURANCE/PROMPT PAY TIME LINES

**Summary:** An Act to Impose Time Limitations on Overpayment Recovery Under the Prompt Claim Payments Statute and to Require that Insurers Offering Health Benefits Plans Provide Insurance Identification Cards.

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

**Position:** Support

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**Bill: SB1033**

**Sponsors:** Clodfelter (D37)

**Title:** HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS/STD. INSURANCE CARD

**Summary:** An Act to Require Health Benefit Plans to Issue Insurance Identification Cards to Policyholders.

**Status:** 03/21/2007 – Senate Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits

**Position:** Support

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**Bill: SB1042**

**Sponsors:** Rand (D19)

**Title:** AUTHORIZE MEDICAID HMO

**Summary:** An Act to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, to Establish a Pilot Medicaid Hmo Program.

**Status:** 03/21/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget

**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB1046**

**Sponsors:** Hartsell (R36)

**Title:** ADVANCE DIRECTIVES/HEALTH CARE PWR. ATTY.-AB

**Summary:** An Act to Clarify the Right to Withdraw and Withhold Life-Prolonging Measures on a Living Will; to Provide that a Living will or Health Care Power of Attorney May Provide that the Health Care Power of Attorney Supersedes a Living Will; to Specify that the Law Does not Allow Any Action or Omission to End Life; to Specify the Notary Requirements; to Change the Terminology from Life-Sustaining Procedures to Life-Prolonging Measures; to Clarify that a Health Care Agent's Authority on Disposition of the Principal's Remains is Limited to Incurring Reasonable Costs; to Create a Procedure Allowing a Guardian of the Principal to Ask a Court to Suspend a Health Care Agent's Authority; to Provide How Long a Health Care Provider May Rely on a Health Care Power of Attorney; to Clarify a Health Care Provider's Reliance on Various Health Care Powers of Attorney; to Create a New Statutory Health Care Power of Attorney Form; to Clarify the Validity of a Health Care Power of

Attorney Form from Another State; to Allow a Guardian or Legal Guardian to Ask the Clerk to Suspend a Health Care Agent; to Prohibit a Guardian from Revoking a Living Will; to Clarify When a Health Care Agent May Make Decisions for a Ward for Whom a Legal Guardian or Guardian Has Been Appointed; to Recognize Military Advance Directives; to Define Declaration, Repeal the Definition of Extraordinary Means, Define Life-Prolonging Measures, and Repeal Persistent Vegetative State; to Specify When an Attending Physician May Withhold Life-Prolonging Measures If There is a Living Will; to Create a New Statutory Form for Living Wills; to Clarify How to Revoke a Declaration; to Clarify the Scope of Immunity of a Health Care Provider Who Follows a Revoked Declaration; to Allow Protections of Declarations Executed in Other States or Declarations that Do not Follow the Statutory Form; to Allow a Physician to Decline to Honor a Declaration in Certain Instances; to Specify When Life-Prolonging Measures May be Withheld Where There is No Declaration; to List Who May Consent to Treatment If the Patient Cannot Make Decisions; to Create the Medical Order for Scope of Treatment (MOST) Form and Specify Required Information on the Form; to Provide that Removal of a Document from the Advance Directive Registry Database Does not Affect Its Validity; to Provide that a Health Care Power of Attorney Can Supersede a Personal Representative's Authority on the Disposition of the Principal's Body; to Direct a Study on Whether a Person May Require that Medical Care be Provided; and to Direct a Study on End-Of-Life Medical Care.

**Status:** 07/31/2007 – House Committee On Judiciary I  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill: SB1062**

**Sponsors:** Atwater (D18)

**Title:** MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATE

**Summary:** An Act to Appropriate Funds to Increase Dental Rates Under Medicaid.

**Status:** 03/21/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget

**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB1080**

**Sponsors:** Kinnaird (D23)

**Title:** NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN LICENSING ACT

**Summary:** An Act to Establish the North Carolina Naturopathic Physicians Licensure Act.

**Status:** 03/22/2007 – Senate Committee On Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship

**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill: SB1086**

**Sponsors:** Purcell (D25)

**Title:** TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS

**Summary:** An Act to Protect Children in the Public Schools from Exposure to Tobacco by Requiring Local Boards of Education to Adopt Written Policies Prohibiting the Use of Tobacco Products in School Buildings, in School Facilities, on School Campuses, or at School-Related or School-Sponsored Events, and in or on Other School Property.

**Status:** 07/18/2007 – Chaptered Session Laws

**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB1087**

**Sponsors:** Purcell (D25)

**Title:** FUNDS FOR SCHOOL NURSES

**Summary:** An Act to Appropriate Funds to Increase the Number of School Nurses.

**Status:** 03/21/2007 – Senate Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget

**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill: SB1089**

**Sponsors:** Purcell (D25)

**Title:** LIMITED LIABILITY/EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE  
**Summary:** An Act Pertaining to the Standard of Proof in Certain Medical Malpractice Actions.  
**Status:** 03/21/2007 – Senate Committee On Judiciary I  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB1091  
**Sponsors:** Purcell (D25)  
**Title:** PRACTICE OF MEDICINE/SURGERY DEFINED  
**Summary:** An Act to Define the Term "Surgery" for Purposes of the Practice of Medicine.  
**Status:** 03/21/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB1163  
**Sponsors:** Dorsett (D28)  
**Title:** AMEND ELECTROLYSIS PRACTICE ACT/FEES  
**Summary:** An Act Allowing the North Carolina Board of Electrolysis Examiners to Provide for the Certification of Laser Clinicians and Laser Clinician Instructors Upon Meeting Certain Requirements Established by the Board and Authorizing the Board to Charge Fees Related to Those Certifications.  
**Status:** 03/22/2007 – Senate Committee On Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
**Position:** Oppose

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**Bill:** SB1207  
**Sponsors:** Rand (D19)  
**Title:** STATE HEALTH PLAN CHANGES  
**Summary:** An Act to Make Changes to the Law Pertaining to the Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan.  
**Status:** 03/26/2007 – Senate Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** SB1210  
**Sponsors:** Rand (D19)  
**Title:** LIMITATIONS/MED. SOCIETY NOMINATIONS/MED. BD  
**Summary:** An Act Placing Limitations on Nominations by the North Carolina Medical Society to the North Carolina Medical Board.  
**Status:** 03/26/2007 – Senate Committee On Judiciary I  
**Position:** Support

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**Bill:** SB1256  
**Sponsors:** Rand (D19)  
**Title:** 2007 STUDIES BILL  
**Summary:** An Act to Provide for Studies by the Legislative Research Commission, Statutory Oversight Committees and Commissions, and Other Agencies, Committees, and Commissions.  
**Status:** 08/02/2007 – Passed in the House  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** SB1262  
**Sponsors:** Nesbitt (D49)  
**Title:** EXTEND PILOT/CLARIFY LME FUNCTIONS/LME ADMIN  
**Summary:** An Act to Extend the First Commitment Pilot Program, to Further Clarify Lme Core Functions, and to Allow Additional Time for an Lme to Merge When It Has Gone Below the Two Hundred Thousand Population or Six County Threshold Due to a Change in County Membership as Recommended by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services.

**Status:** 03/26/2007 – Senate Committee On Health Care  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **SB1434**  
**Sponsors:** Atwater (D18)  
**Title:** MENTAL HEALTH PARITY  
**Summary:** An Act to Require Parity in Health Insurance Coverage for Mental Illness and Chemical Dependency.  
**Status:** 03/26/2007 – Senate Committee On Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **SB1484**  
**Sponsors:** Rand (D19)  
**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:** 03/27/2007 – Senate Committee On Finance  
**Position:** Neutral

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**Bill:** **SB1512**  
**Sponsors:** Dalton (D46)  
**Title:** HEALTH INSURANCE RISK POOL/HEALTHY NC  
**Summary:** An Act to Enact the "Healthy Nc" Program to Facilitate the Availability of Affordable Accident and Health Insurance Coverage to Small Employers, Selfemployed Individuals, and Uninsured Workers; to Create the North Carolina Health Insurance Risk Pool to Help Meet the Health Insurance Coverage Needs of Individuals Who Cannot Obtain Affordable Health Insurance Because of Highrisk Health Conditions; and to Appropriate Funds for the Implementation of this Act.  
**Status:** 05/22/2007 – Senate Committee On Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
**Position:** Neutral

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