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SENATE BILL 1179*

Short Title: Health Care Registry Reports.

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Sponsors: Senators Rand; Forrester, Hagan, Lucas, Phillips, and Purcell.

Referred to: Health Care.

May 9, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE
2 PERSONNEL REGISTRY, AND TO ALLOW ADVERSE ACTION ON A
3 FACILITY LICENSE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REPORTING
4 REQUIREMENTS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 131E-256(g) reads as rewritten:

8 "(g) ~~Upon investigation and documentation, health~~ Health care facilities shall ensure
9 that the Department is notified of all ~~substantiated~~ allegations against health care ~~personnel~~
10 personnel, including injuries of unknown source, which appear to a reasonable person to be
11 related to any act listed in subdivision (a)(1) of this section, and shall promptly report to the
12 Department any resulting disciplinary action, demotion, or termination of employment of health
13 care personnel. Facilities must have evidence that all alleged acts are investigated
14 and must prevent further potential acts while the investigation is in progress. The results
15 of all investigations must be reported to the Department within five working days of the
16 initial notification to the Department."

17 Section 2. Article 15 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by
18 adding the following new section to read:

19 "**§ 131E-256.1. Adverse action on a license; appeal procedures.**"

1 (a) The Department may suspend, cancel, or amend a license when a facility
2 subject to this Article has substantially failed to comply with this Article or rules adopted
3 under this Article.

4 (b) Administrative action taken by the Department under this section shall be in
5 accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes."

6 Section 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 2000.