

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 1021**

Short Title: State Review of Group Insurance Claims. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Hartsell.

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Referred to: Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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March 21, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO DEVELOP A  
3 STATE REVIEW PROCESS OF GROUP INSURANCE CLAIMS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Insurance shall review the appeals and  
6 grievance processes for all group insurance claims, including accident insurance claims  
7 and group health insurance claims, as those terms are defined in G.S. 58-51-80. The  
8 Department, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, shall  
9 develop a State review process of group insurance claims that are denied or refused by  
10 either insurers or employers by which the Department of Insurance shall have regulatory  
11 authority to make benefit determinations in relation to group insurance policies.

12 The Department shall report its proposal, including any necessary legislative  
13 recommendations, to the General Assembly on or before March 1, 2008.

14 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.