## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

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Short Title: ACH Star Rating Authorization/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Bordsen, Earle (Primary Sponsors); Weiss and Clary.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES ALLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF STAR-RATED CERTIFICATES TO ADULT CARE HOMES, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FACILITY SERVICES, FOR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS AND DATABASE ENHANCEMENT TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 131D-4.5 reads as rewritten:

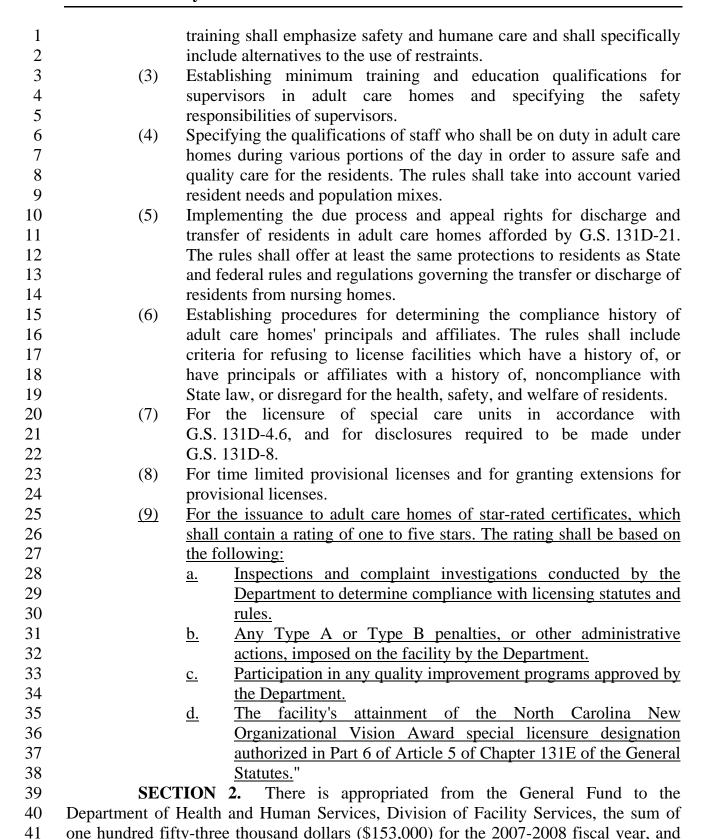
## "§ 131D-4.5. Rules adopted by Medical Care Commission.

The Medical Care Commission shall adopt rules as follows:

- (1) Establishing minimum medication administration standards for adult care homes. The rules shall include the minimum staffing and training requirements for medication aides and standards for professional supervision of adult care homes' medication controls. The requirements shall be designed to reduce the medication error rate in adult care homes to an acceptable level. The requirements shall include, but need not be limited to, all of the following:
  - a. Training for medication aides, including periodic refresher training.
  - b. Standards for management of complex medication regimens.
  - c. Oversight by licensed professionals.
  - d. Measures to ensure proper storage of medication.
- (2) Establishing training requirements for adult care home staff in behavioral interventions. The training shall include appropriate responses to behavioral problems posed by adult care residents. The

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the sum of one hundred eight thousand dollars (\$108,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

These funds shall be used to implement the Star Rating Program in accordance with

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Section 1 of this act, including two new positions and enhancement and maintenance of a database for the Program.

**SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act is effective when it becomes law and requires the issuance of certificates beginning January 1, 2009. Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2007. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.

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