

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

**SENATE BILL 666  
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN EXPANSION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-470 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 90-470. Institute of Medicine.**

The persons appointed under the provisions of this section are declared to be a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine, and by that name may sue and be sued, make and use a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure, contract and be contracted with, and shall have and enjoy all the rights and privileges necessary for the purposes of this section. The corporation shall have perpetual succession.

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to:

- (1) Be concerned with the health of the people of North Carolina;
- (2) Monitor and study health matters;
- (3) Respond authoritatively when found advisable;
- (4) Respond to requests from outside sources for analysis and advice when this will aid in forming a basis for health policy decisions.

The 18 initial members of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine shall be appointed by the Governor.

The initial members are authorized, prior to expanding the membership, to establish bylaws, to procure facilities, employ a director and staff, to solicit, receive and administer funds in the name of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine, and carry out other activities necessary to fulfill the purposes of this section.

The members shall select with the approval of the Governor additional members, ~~so that the total membership will not exceed 100.~~ so that the total membership will not exceed a number determined by the Board of Directors in its bylaws. The membership should be distinguished and influential leaders from the major health professions, the hospital industry, the health insurance industry, State and county government and other political units, education, business and industry, the universities, and the university medical centers.

The North Carolina Institute of Medicine may receive and administer funds from private sources, foundations, State and county governments, federal agencies, and professional organizations.

The director and staff of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine should be chosen from those well established in the field of health promotion and medical care.

For the purposes of Chapter 55A of the General Statutes, the members appointed under this section shall be considered the initial board of directors.

The North Carolina Institute of Medicine is declared to be under the patronage and control of the State.

The General Assembly reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this section."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to appointments made on or after this date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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William L. Wainwright  
Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives

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Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007