

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1058

Short Title: Health Care Facil./Any Willing Provider.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cunningham; Black, Blue, Bonner, Brawley, Earle, Easterling, Fitch, Goodwin, Hall, H. Hunter, Jarrell, Jeffus, Kinney, McAllister, Owens, Saunders, Smith, Wainwright, Womble, and Wright.

Referred to: Insurance.

April 21, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS TO ALLOW PROVIDERS WHO HAVE MET THE FACILITY'S CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS TO DIAGNOSE AND TREAT PATIENTS AT THE FACILITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A health care facility that is licensed to do business in this State and that receives State funds for the care and treatment of patients at the facility shall not, directly or indirectly, by contract or otherwise, prohibit, prevent, or exclude a duly licensed health care provider that has been granted privileges to treat patients at the facility under the facility's provider credentialing process from using the facility to diagnose and treat patients in accordance with the privileges granted. As used in this section, the term 'health care facility' means a general hospital, specialized hospital, or medical center providing health care services in municipalities that have a population in excess of 300,000 by the last federal census.

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to contracts for services entered into on and after that date.