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HOUSE BILL 327

Short Title: Area Mental Health Bd./Appt.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Mitchell; Howard, Brawley, and Sexton.

Referred to: Human Resources.

February 26, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE CATEGORIES OF APPOINTEES TO AREA
MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY BOARDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G. S. 122C-118(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) The area board shall include:

- (1) At least one county commissioner from each county in the area except that in a single-county area authority the board of commissioners may instead appoint any resident of the county;
- (2) At least one physician licensed under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes to practice medicine in North Carolina who, when possible, is certified as having completed a residency in psychiatry;
- (3) At least one professional representative from the fields either of psychology, social work, nursing, or religion;
- (4) At least one individual each, either a primary consumer or an individual from a citizens' organization, representing the interests of individuals with:
 - a. Mental illness; and
 - b. Developmental disabilities.

- 1 (4.1) At least one primary consumer presently and openly in recovery
2 representing the interests of individuals suffering from alcoholism or
3 other drug abuse. If the appointing authority is unable to identify a
4 person qualified to serve under this appointment category, the
5 appointing authority may appoint a person representative of the category
6 of persons in subdivision (4) or (5) of this subsection.
7 (5) At least one family consumer each representing the interest of
8 individuals with:
9 a. Mental illness;
10 b. Developmental disabilities; and
11 c. Alcoholism or other drug abuse.
12 (6) At least one attorney licensed to practice in North Carolina.
13 (7) At least one member who has experience in finance and can understand
14 and interpret audits and other financial reports."

15 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to
16 appointments made on and after that date.