

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 760**

Short Title: Cancer Insurance/Wellness Benefit Rider. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Hurley; Alexander, Barefoot, Cox, Lucas, Smith,  
Wainwright, Warner, and Womble.

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Referred to: Insurance.

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March 26, 2001

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CANCER INSURANCE POLICIES TO OFFER A  
3 WELLNESS BENEFIT RIDER.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Article 51 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding the following new section to read:

7 "**§ 58-51-135. Cancer policy wellness benefit rider required.**

8 Every insurance company offering an individual health insurance policy that is a  
9 specified disease policy covering cancer shall offer as part of the policy's cancer  
10 coverage a wellness benefit rider. The wellness benefit rider shall provide an annual  
11 cash payment of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) to each insured adult who shows  
12 proof of having undergone annual cancer screening."

13 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 2002, and applies to  
14 specified disease policies issued or renewed on and after that date.