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HOUSE BILL 382*

Short Title: Authorize Voluntary Medical Registry Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Martin, Wainwright, Farmer-Butterfield (Primary Sponsors);
M. Alexander, Coates, England, Faison, E. Floyd, Glazier, Harrison, Hughes,
Insko, Lucas, McGee, Pierce, Rapp, and Wray.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Judiciary III.

March 4, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO
ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY MODEL REGISTRY FOR USE BY COUNTIES AND
MUNICIPALITIES IN IDENTIFYING FUNCTIONALLY AND MEDICALLY
FRAGILE PERSONS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE DURING A DISASTER; AND TO
AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO OPERATE SIMILAR
REGISTRIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT RECOVERY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 166A-5(3) is amended by adding a new sub-subdivision to read:

"(3) Functions of State Emergency Management. – The functions of the State
emergency management program include:

...

b2. Establishment of a voluntary model registry for use by political
subdivisions in identifying functionally and medically fragile persons
in need of assistance during a disaster. Any health information
obtained pursuant to this sub-subdivision is confidential and is not a
public record pursuant to G.S. 132-1 or any other applicable statute.
This information shall be used only for the purposes set forth in this
sub-subdivision.

...."

SECTION 2. G.S. 166A-7(d) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(d) In carrying out the provisions of this Article each political subdivision is authorized:

...

(5) To coordinate the voluntary registration of functionally and medically fragile
persons in need of assistance during a disaster either through a registry
established by this subdivision or by the State. Any health information
obtained pursuant to this subdivision is confidential and is not a public
record pursuant to G.S. 132-1 or any other applicable statute. This
information shall be used only for the purposes set forth in this subdivision."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

