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SENATE BILL 258*
Health Care Committee Substitute Adopted 3/19/09

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

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 23, 2009

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

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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14 b2. Establishment of a voluntary model registry for use by political
15 subdivisions in identifying functionally and medically fragile persons
16 in need of assistance during a disaster. All records, data, information,
17 correspondence, and communications relating to the registration of
18 persons with special needs or of functionally and medically fragile
19 persons obtained pursuant to this sub-subdivision are confidential
20 and are not a public record pursuant to G.S. 132-1 or any other
21 applicable statute, except that this information shall be available to
22 emergency response agencies, as determined by the local emergency
23 management director. This information shall be used only for the
24 purposes set forth in this sub-subdivision.

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

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

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29 (5) To coordinate the voluntary registration of functionally and medically fragile
30 persons in need of assistance during a disaster either through a registry
31 established by this subdivision or by the State. All records, data,
32 information, correspondence, and communications relating to the
33 registration of persons with special needs or of functionally and medically
34 fragile persons obtained pursuant to this sub-subdivision are confidential and
35 are not a public record pursuant to G.S. 132-1 or any other applicable statute,
36 except that this information shall be available to emergency response



1 agencies, as determined by the local emergency management director. This
2 information shall be used only for the purposes set forth in this subdivision."
3 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.