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AN ACT TO RESPOND TO THE HOLDING IN *NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS V. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION*, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND TO CLARIFY THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BARBER REGISTRATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 93B-1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 93B-1. Definitions.~~Definitions;~~ **List of occupational licensing boards.**

(a) As used in this ~~Chapter~~Chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) ~~"License" means any license (other than a privilege license).~~License. – Any license, other than a privilege license, certificate, or other evidence of qualification which an individual is required to obtain before he or she may engage in or represent himself or herself to be a member of a particular profession or occupation.

(2) ~~"Occupational licensing board" means any~~Occupational licensing board. – Any board, committee, commission, or other agency in North Carolina which receives no General Fund revenue and is established for the primary purpose of regulating the entry of persons into, and/or the conduct of persons within, a particular profession or occupation, and which is authorized to issue licenses; "occupational licensing board" does not include State agencies, staffed by full-time State employees, which as a part of their regular functions may issue licenses.~~given statutory authority to do all of the following:~~

a. Determine minimum qualifications required for licensure for a particular profession or occupation.

b. Issue licenses to qualified applicants.

c. Regulate the conduct of licensees within a particular profession or occupation.

d. Seek injunctive relief to prohibit unlicensed individuals or entities from engaging in certain activities as defined by statute.

e. Collect fees to support agency operations.

(b) Occupational licensing boards include only those boards specifically identified in this subsection. No additional boards or commissions shall be added to this list without first having been approved by the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee of the General Assembly as being necessary in that the profession subject to licensure affects the health,



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1 safety, or welfare of the public and that mandatory licensure is necessary to ensure minimum
2 standards of competency so as to protect the public from unqualified persons or unprofessional
3 conduct by persons or entities practicing in the profession. Occupational licensing boards shall
4 include only the following:

- 5 (1) Acupuncture Licensing Board.
- 6 (2) Alarm Systems Licensing Board.
- 7 (3) North Carolina Board of Landscape Architects.
- 8 (4) North Carolina Landscape Contractors' Licensing Board.
- 9 (5) Board of Examiners for Speech and Language Pathologists and Audiologists.
- 10 (6) Midwifery Joint Subcommittee.
- 11 (7) North Carolina Appraisal Board.
- 12 (8) North Carolina Auctioneers Commission.
- 13 (9) North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists.
- 14 (10) North Carolina Board for Licensing of Soil Scientists.
- 15 (11) North Carolina Board of Architecture.
- 16 (12) North Carolina Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners.
- 17 (13) North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners.
- 18 (14) North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition.
- 19 (15) North Carolina Board of Electrolysis Examiners.
- 20 (16) North Carolina Board of Funeral Service.
- 21 (17) North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors.
- 22 (18) North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy.
- 23 (19) North Carolina Board of Nursing.
- 24 (20) North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy.
- 25 (21) North Carolina Board of Pharmacy.
- 26 (22) North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.
- 27 (23) North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners.
- 28 (24) North Carolina Board of Recreational Therapy Licensure.
- 29 (25) North Carolina Cemetery Commission.
- 30 (26) North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards
31 Commission.
- 32 (27) Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission.
- 33 (28) North Carolina Home Inspector Licensure Board.
- 34 (29) North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensing Board.
- 35 (30) North Carolina Irrigation Contractors' Licensing Board.
- 36 (31) North Carolina State Licensing Board for General Contractors.
- 37 (32) North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board.
- 38 (33) North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board.
- 39 (34) North Carolina Medical Board.
- 40 (35) North Carolina On-Site Wastewater Contractors and Inspectors Certification
41 Board.
- 42 (36) North Carolina Psychology Board.
- 43 (37) North Carolina Real Estate Commission.
- 44 (38) North Carolina Respiratory Care Board.
- 45 (39) North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board.
- 46 (40) North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners.
- 47 (41) North Carolina State Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors.
- 48 (42) North Carolina State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.
- 49 (43) North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry.
- 50 (44) North Carolina State Board of Examiners of Fee-Based Practicing Pastoral
51 Counselors.

- 1 (45) North Carolina State Board of Opticians.
2 (46) North Carolina State Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board.
3 (47) North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board.
4 (48) North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board.
5 (49) Private Protective Services Board.
6 (50) Public Librarian Certification Commission.
7 (51) State Board of Barber Examiners.
8 (52) State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners.
9 (53) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
10 (54) State Board of Environmental Health Specialist Examiners.
11 (55) State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors.
12 (56) State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler
13 Contractors.
14 (57) State Board of Refrigeration Examiners.
15 (58) State Board of Registration for Foresters."

16 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 93B-2 reads as rewritten:

17 "**§ 93B-2. Annual reports required; contents; open to inspection; sanction for failure to**
18 **report.**

19 (a) No later than October 31 of each year, each occupational licensing board shall file
20 electronically with the ~~Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Joint Legislative~~
21 ~~Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee~~ Committee, the Department of Commerce, the
22 State Auditor, the Office of State Budget and Management, and the State Controller an annual
23 report containing all of the following information:

- 24 (1) The address of the board, and the names of its members and officers.
25 (1a) The total number of licensees supervised by the board.
26 (2) The number of persons who applied to the board for examination.
27 (3) The number who were refused examination.
28 (4) The number who took the examination.
29 (5) The number to whom initial licenses were issued.
30 (5a) The number who failed the examination.
31 (6) The number who applied for license by reciprocity or comity.
32 (7) The number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity.
33 (7a) The number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed
34 activities.
35 (7b) The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions
36 taken against nonlicensees, including injunctive relief.
37 (8) The number of licenses suspended or revoked.
38 (9) The number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the
39 required renewal fee.
40 (10) The substance of any anticipated request by the occupational licensing board to
41 the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the occupational licensing
42 board.
43 (11) The substance of any anticipated change in rules adopted by the occupational
44 licensing board or the substance of any anticipated adoption of new rules by the
45 occupational licensing board.
46 (12) A financial report that includes the source and amount of all funds credited to
47 the occupational licensing board and the purpose and amount of all funds
48 disbursed by the occupational licensing board during the previous fiscal year.
49 (13) The certification of a proper system of internal control and other financial
50 information as required by G.S. 143D-7.

- 1 (14) A report of all civil penalties, civil forfeitures, and civil fines collected and
2 remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund pursuant to G.S. 115C-457.2.
3 (15) The statute or rule authorizing each fee collected, the amount of the fee, the
4 date the fee was last changed, the number of times the fee was collected during
5 the prior reporting period, and the total receipts resulting from the fee during
6 the prior reporting period.
7 (16) If the occupational licensing board has a budget of at least fifty thousand dollars
8 (\$50,000), a financial audit of its operations.

9 ~~(b) No later than October 31 of each year, each occupational licensing board shall file~~
10 ~~electronically with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Office of State Budget and~~
11 ~~Management, and the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee a financial~~
12 ~~report that includes the source and amount of all funds credited to the occupational licensing board~~
13 ~~and the purpose and amount of all funds disbursed by the occupational licensing board during the~~
14 ~~previous fiscal year.~~

15 (c) The reports required by this section shall be open to public ~~inspection.~~inspection and
16 shall be posted on the Internet Web site of the occupational licensing board.

17 (d) The Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee shall review the
18 reports submitted pursuant to this section and shall notify any board that fails to file the reports
19 required by this section. Failure of a board to comply with the reporting requirements of this
20 section by October 31 of each year shall result in a suspension of the board's authority to expend
21 any funds until such time as the board files the required reports. Suspension of a board's authority
22 to expend funds under this subsection shall not affect the board's duty to issue and renew licenses
23 or the validity of any application or license for which fees have been tendered in accordance with
24 law. Each board shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for implementing this subsection and
25 shall maintain an escrow account into which any fees tendered during a board's period of
26 suspension under this subsection shall be deposited."

27 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 93B-4 reads as rewritten:

28 **"§ 93B-4. Audit of Occupational Licensing Boards; payment of costs.**

29 (a) The State Auditor shall audit occupational licensing boards from time to time to ensure
30 their proper operation. The books, records, and operations of each occupational licensing board
31 shall be subject to the oversight of the State Auditor pursuant to Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the
32 General Statutes. In accordance with G.S. 147-64.7(b), the State Auditor may contract with
33 independent professionals to meet the requirements of this section.

34 ~~(b) Each occupational licensing board with a budget of at least fifty thousand dollars~~
35 ~~(\$50,000) shall conduct an annual financial audit of its operations and provide a copy to the State~~
36 ~~Auditor."~~

37 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 93B-5 reads as rewritten:

38 **"§ 93B-5. Compensation, employment, and training of board members.**

39 ~~(a) Board~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 138-5, board members shall receive as
40 compensation for their services per diem not to exceed ~~one two~~ hundred dollars ~~(\$100.00)~~
41 (\$200.00) for each day during which they are engaged in the official business of the board.

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43 (g) Within six months of a board member's initial appointment to the board, and at least
44 once within every two calendar years thereafter, a board member shall receive training, either from
45 the board's staff, including its legal advisor, or from an outside educational institution such as the
46 School of Government of the University of North Carolina, on the statutes governing the board
47 and rules adopted by the board, as well as the following State and federal laws, in order to better
48 understand the obligations and limitations of a State agency:

- 49 (1) Chapter 150B, The Administrative Procedure Act.
50 (2) Chapter 132, The Public Records Law.
51 (3) Article 33C of Chapter 143, The Open Meetings Act.

- 1 (4) Articles 31 and 31A of Chapter 143, The State Tort Claims Act and The
2 Defense of State Employees Law.
3 (5) Chapter 138A, The State Government Ethics Act.
4 (6) Chapter 120C, Lobbying.
5 (7) Antitrust law and State action immunity.

6 Completion of the training requirements contained in Chapter 138A and Chapter 120C of the
7 General Statutes satisfies the requirements of subdivisions (5) and (6) of this subsection."

8 **SECTION 5.(a)** Chapter 93B of the General Statutes is amended by adding six new
9 sections to read:

10 **"§ 93B-17. Occupational licensing board rule making.**

11 (a) Each occupational licensing board shall adopt rules for the receipt and resolution of
12 complaints, for taking disciplinary or enforcement actions against its licensees, and for taking
13 enforcement actions against persons not licensed by the board.

14 (b) Any interpretation, clarification, or other delineation of the scope of practice of an
15 occupational licensing board shall be adopted as a rule.

16 **"§ 93B-18. Unlicensed activity.**

17 (a) An occupational licensing board shall have the authority to investigate unlicensed
18 activity and notify unlicensed persons and entities of the possible violation of the law and
19 administrative rules and any civil action or criminal penalty that may be imposed by a court. The
20 notification shall not indicate that the occupational licensing board has made any finding of a
21 violation but may indicate the board's belief or opinion that a particular act may violate the board's
22 enabling statutes, include factual information regarding legislation and court proceedings
23 concerning the potential violation, and provide notice of the board's intention to pursue
24 administrative remedies or court proceedings with regard to the potential violation.

25 (b) Any occupational licensing board providing notification to unlicensed persons and
26 entities of a possible violation of the law and administrative rules and any civil action or criminal
27 penalty that may be imposed by a court shall include the following statement in the notification:

28 You are hereby notified that the opinion expressed herein is not a legal
29 determination. An occupational licensing board does not have the authority to order
30 you to discontinue your current practices. Only a court may determine that you
31 have violated or are violating any law and, if appropriate, impose a remedy or
32 penalty for the violation. Further, pursuant to G.S. 150B-4, you may have the right,
33 prior to initiation of any court action by the occupational licensing board, to request
34 a declaratory ruling regarding whether your particular conduct is lawful. You are
35 further notified that any right to a declaratory ruling supplements any other legal
36 rights that you may already have to establish the legality of your conduct with
37 respect to the goods or services you offer or provide.

38 **"§ 93B-19. Venue for court enforcement.**

39 The venue for occupational licensing boards seeking court order for injunctive relief or to
40 show cause for failure to comply with a subpoena lawfully issued by the occupational licensing
41 board shall be in the superior court of the county where the defendant resides or in the county
42 where the occupational licensing board has its principal place of business.

43 **"§ 93B-20. Injunctive relief.**

44 An occupational licensing board may appear in its own name in superior court in actions for
45 injunctive relief to restrain the violation of the provisions of a statute administered by the board or
46 a rule or order of the board. The superior court shall have the jurisdiction to grant these
47 injunctions, restraining orders, or take other appropriate action even if criminal prosecution has
48 been or may be instituted as a result of the violations, or whether the person is a licensee of the
49 board. No board shall issue such orders independently of the superior court unless specifically
50 authorized to do so by law.

51 **"§ 93B-21. Jurisdictional disputes between boards.**

1 It is the policy of the State that jurisdictional disputes among occupational licensing boards
2 shall be resolved through informal procedures. If a jurisdictional dispute among occupational
3 licensing boards cannot be resolved through informal procedures, any affected board may
4 commence an administrative proceeding to resolve the jurisdictional dispute by filing a petition
5 with the Office of Administrative Hearings and serve the petition on all affected boards. Once the
6 petition is filed and the required fee is paid, the dispute shall become a contested case and shall be
7 conducted by the Office of Administrative Hearings under Articles 3 and 4 of Chapter 150B of the
8 General Statutes.

9 **"§ 93B-22. Complaint process.**

10 Each occupational licensing board shall develop and implement a complaint process that
11 provides for all of the following:

- 12 (1) A description of the complaint process on the board's Web site, including the
13 types of violations that are under the jurisdictional authority of the board.
- 14 (2) Electronic complaint submission via the board's Web site, including a
15 prominently displayed link to a complaint form.
- 16 (3) The ability to provide complainants with a written description of the final
17 disposition of each complaint."

18 **SECTION 5.(b)** The complaint process provided for in G.S. 93B-22 shall be
19 implemented and active on each board's Web site no later than January 1, 2017.

20 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 115C-457.2 reads as rewritten:

21 **"§ 115C-457.2. Remittance of moneys to the Fund.**

22 The clear proceeds of all civil penalties, civil forfeitures, and civil fines that are collected by a
23 State agency and that the General Assembly is authorized to place in a State fund pursuant to
24 Article IX, Section 7(b) of the Constitution shall be remitted to the Office of State Budget and
25 Management by the officer having custody of the funds within 10 days after the close of the
26 calendar month in which the revenues were received or collected. Notwithstanding any other law,
27 all such funds shall be deposited in the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund. The clear proceeds of
28 these funds include the full amount of all civil penalties, civil forfeitures, and civil fines collected
29 under authority conferred by the State, diminished only by the actual costs of collection, not to
30 exceed twenty percent (20%) of the amount collected. The collection cost percentage to be used by
31 a State agency shall be established and approved by the Office of State Budget and Management
32 on an annual basis based upon the computation of actual collection costs by each agency for the
33 prior fiscal year. Occupational licensing boards as defined in G.S. 93B-1 shall satisfy the annual
34 reporting obligation imposed under this section by including the information required in the
35 occupational licensing board's annual report required pursuant to G.S. 93B-2."

36 **SECTION 7.** G.S. 143C-9-4 reads as rewritten:

37 **"§ 143C-9-4. Biennial fee report.**

38 The Office of State Budget and Management shall prepare a report biennially on the fees
39 charged by each State department, bureau, division, board, commission, institution, and agency
40 during the previous two fiscal years. The report shall include the statutory or regulatory authority
41 for each fee, the amount of the fee, when the amount of the fee was last changed, the number of
42 times the fee was collected during the prior fiscal year, and the total receipts from the fee during
43 the prior fiscal year. The Office of State Budget and Management shall obtain the information
44 required under this section for occupational licensing boards as defined in G.S. 93B-1 from the
45 annual report filed by each occupational licensing board pursuant to G.S. 93B-2."

46 **SECTION 8.** G.S. 143D-7 reads as rewritten:

47 **"§ 143D-7. Agency management responsibilities.**

48 (a) The management of each State agency bears full responsibility for establishing and
49 maintaining a proper system of internal control within that agency. Each principal executive
50 officer and each principal fiscal officer shall annually certify, in a manner prescribed by the State

1 Controller, that the agency has in place a proper system of internal control. The State Controller
2 shall develop policies and procedures to direct agencies in their evaluation.

3 (b) The management of each State agency also bears the responsibility periodically to
4 submit accurate and complete financial information to the State Controller for compilation into
5 North Carolina State government's various financial reports and other related financial information
6 disseminated to the public. With the submission of such periodic reports to the State Controller,
7 each agency's principal executive officer and each agency's principal fiscal officer shall certify, in
8 a manner prescribed by the State Controller, to the accuracy and completeness of the financial
9 information submitted.

10 (c) Occupational licensing boards as defined in G.S. 93B-1 shall satisfy the annual
11 reporting obligation imposed under this section by including the information required in the
12 occupational licensing board's annual report required pursuant to G.S. 93B-2."

13 **SECTION 9.** G.S. 150B-38(a) reads as rewritten:

14 **"§ 150B-38. Scope; hearing required; notice; venue.**

15 (a) The provisions of this Article shall apply to:

- 16 (1) Occupational licensing ~~agencies-boards~~, as defined by G.S. 93B-1.
- 17 (2) The State Banking Commission, the Commissioner of Banks, and the Credit
18 Union Division of the Department of Commerce.
- 19 (3) The Department of Insurance and the Commissioner of Insurance.
- 20 (4) The State Chief Information Officer in the administration of the provisions of
21 Article 14 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes.
- 22 (5) The North Carolina State Building Code Council.
- 23 (6) The State Board of Elections in the administration of any investigation or audit
24 under the provisions of Article 22A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.
- 25 (7) The Securities Division of the Department of the Secretary of State."

26 **SECTION 10.** G.S. 150B-45 reads as rewritten:

27 **"§ 150B-45. Procedure for seeking review; waiver.**

28 (a) Procedure. – To obtain judicial review of a final decision under this Article, the person
29 seeking review must file a petition within 30 days after the person is served with a written copy of
30 the decision. The petition must be filed as follows:

- 31 (1) Contested tax cases. – A petition for review of a final decision in a contested
32 tax case arising under G.S. 105-241.15 must be filed in the Superior Court of
33 Wake County.
- 34 (2) Other final decisions. – A petition for review of any other final decision under
35 this Article must be filed in the superior court of the county where the person
36 aggrieved by the administrative decision resides, in the county where the
37 agency has its principal place of business, or in the case of a person residing
38 outside the State, in the county where the contested case which resulted in the
39 final decision was filed. If a petitioner files a petition in a county other than as
40 provided in this subdivision, the superior court may order a change of venue
41 pursuant to G.S. 1-83; provided, however, that improper venue shall not be
42 grounds for dismissal of the petition.

43 (b) Waiver. – A person who fails to file a petition within the required time waives the right
44 to judicial review under this Article. For good cause shown, however, the superior court may
45 accept an untimely petition."

46 **SECTION 11.** The Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee
47 shall continue to monitor and study the effects of the opinion in *North Carolina State Board of*
48 *Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission* and other issues related to the scope of practice
49 jurisdiction of occupational licensing boards.

50 **SECTION 11.5.(a)** G.S. 86A-3 reads as rewritten:

51 **"§ 86A-3. Qualifications for certificate as a registered barber.**

1 A certificate of registration as a registered barber shall be issued by the Board to any person
2 who meets all of the following qualifications:

- 3 (1) Has attended an approved barber school for at least 1528 hours.
- 4 (2) Has completed a 12-month apprenticeship under the supervision of a licensed
5 barber, as provided in G.S. 86A-24.
- 6 (3) Has passed a clinical examination conducted by the Board.
- 7 (4) Has submitted to the Board the affidavit required by G.S. 86A-24(c) certifying
8 that the applicant has served the apprenticeship required by subdivision (2).
- 9 (5) Has received a high school diploma or its equivalency or a high school
10 graduation equivalency certificate and provided documentation thereof to the
11 Board."

12 **SECTION 11.5.(b)** G.S. 86A-22 reads as rewritten:

13 **"§ 86A-22. Licensing and regulating barber schools and colleges.**

14 The North Carolina State Board of Barber Examiners may approve barber schools or colleges
15 in the State, and may prescribe rules and regulations for their operation. The Board shall adopt
16 rules establishing criteria for barber schools and colleges to maintain their accreditation. No barber
17 school or college shall be approved by the Board unless the school or college meets all of the
18 following requirements:

- 19 (1) Each school shall provide a course of instruction of at least ~~1528~~ 1,528 hours.
- 20 (2) Each school shall employ at least two instructors for the first 40 enrolled
21 students and employ at least one additional instructor for every additional 20
22 enrolled students. Schools that are organized as nonprofits and have obtained a
23 ruling from the Internal Revenue Service recognizing their tax-exempt status
24 shall have at least one instructor for every 20 enrolled students. No school,
25 whether for profit or nonprofit, shall provide practical training and theoretical
26 training simultaneously unless at least two instructors are present.
- 27 (2a) Each student shall have received a high school diploma or its equivalency or a
28 high school graduation equivalency certificate and provided documentation
29 thereof to the Board and the school.
- 30 (3) An application for a student's permit, on a form prescribed by the Board, must
31 be filed with the Board before the student enters school. No student may enroll
32 without having obtained a student's permit.

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34 **SECTION 12.** G.S. 143B-68 reads as rewritten:

35 **"§ 143B-68. Public Librarian Certification Commission – members; selection; quorum;**
36 **compensation.**

37 The Public Librarian Certification Commission of the Department of Natural and Cultural
38 Resources shall consist of five members as follows: (i) ~~the chairman of the North Carolina~~
39 ~~Association of Library Trustees,~~ (ii) ~~the chairman of the public libraries section of the North~~
40 ~~Carolina Library Association,~~ (ii) two individuals named by the Governor upon
41 the nomination of the North Carolina Library Association, ~~(iv)~~ (iii) the dean of a State or regionally
42 accredited graduate school of librarianship in North Carolina appointed by the ~~Governor~~
43 Governor, and ~~(v)~~ (iv) one member at large appointed by the Governor.

44 The members shall serve four-year terms or while holding the appropriate chairmanships. Any
45 appointment to fill a vacancy created by the resignation, dismissal, death or disability of a member
46 shall be for the balance of the unexpired term.

47 The Governor shall have the power to remove any member of the Commission from office for
48 misfeasance, malfeasance, and nonfeasance according to the provisions of G.S. 143B-13 of the
49 Executive Organization Act of 1973.

50 The members of the Commission shall receive per diem, and necessary travel expenses in
51 accordance with the provisions of G.S. 138-5.

- 1 A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
2 All clerical and other services required by the Commission shall be supplied by the Secretary
3 of the Department through the regular staff of the Department."
4 **SECTION 13.** This act is effective when it becomes law.