

April 8, 1999

H 957. PHYS. SIGNATURE CERT./DEATH RECORDS. *TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTRONIC OR FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF A PHYSICIAN PROVIDING MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF DEATH IS ACCEPTABLE IF APPROVED BY THE STATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS.*

Amends GS 130A-115(c) as title indicates.

Intro. by Edwards.

Ref. to Public Health

GS 130A

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H 957. PHYS. SIGNATURE CERT./DEATH RECORDS. Intro. 4/8/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical changes only.

June 10, 1999

H 957. ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS/FOOD REGS. Intro. 4/8/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes title to read, "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTRONIC OR FACSIMILE SIGNATURE OF A PHYSICIAN PROVIDING MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF DEATH IS ACCEPTABLE IF APPROVED BY THE STATE REGISTER OF VITAL STATISTICS, TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS, AND TO CLARIFY WHICH ESTABLISHMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO REGULATION AS FOOD AND LODGING FACILITIES UNDER CHAPTER 130A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES. Adds new GS 90-412 to (1) authorize health care providers and facilities to create and maintain medical records in an electronic format without maintaining a separate paper copy; (2) require that paper copies of consents to treatment or authorizations to disclose medical record information be preserved; (3) require that electronic medical records be in a legible and retrievable form; (4) allow health care providers and facilities to permit authorized persons to authenticate orders and other medical record entries by written signature or by electronic or digital signature; (5) require that medical record entries be authenticated by the person who made or authorized the entry; and (6) provide that the rights and responsibilities of patients, health care providers and facilities with respect to the security, confidentiality, accuracy, integrity, access to, and disclosure of medical records apply to records created or maintained in electronic form.

For purposes of the regulation of food and lodging facilities: (1) amends GS 130A-247(4) to define "establishment that prepares or serves drink" to mean an entity that prepares or serves beverages made from raw apples or potentially hazardous beverages made from other raw fruits or vegetables or that otherwise puts together, portions, sets out, or hands out drinks for human consumption; (2) rewrites GS 130A-247(5) to define "establishment that prepares or serves food" to mean an entity that cooks, puts together, portions, sets out, or hands out food for human consumption; (3) amends GS 130A-250 to clarify exemptions and to add exemptions for establishments that only set out or hand out beverages or food that is regulated by the NC Dep't of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to Article 12 of GS Ch. 106.

Makes act effective October 1, 1999.

June 15, 1999

H 957. PHYS. SIGNATURE CERT./DEATH RECORDS. Intro. 04/08/99. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Requires, when a consent to treatment or authorization to disclose records is contained in a paper writing, that the writing be preserved in a durable medium. Clarifies that new GS 90-412 applies to governmental units that create and maintain medical records.