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H 996. ELEC. MONITORING IN NURSING/ADULT CARE HOMES. *TO PERMIT RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES OR ADULT CARE HOMES, AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO MONITOR THE RESIDENT THROUGH THE USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE RESIDENT; TO REQUIRE NURSING HOMES AND ADULT CARE HOMES TO PROVIDE A POWER SOURCE AND MOUNTING SPACE FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES; TO PROHIBIT NURSING HOMES AND ADULT CARE HOMES FROM REFUSING TO ADMIT RESIDENTS BECAUSE OF A REQUEST TO INSTALL ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES; TO REQUIRE THAT TAPES FROM MONITORING DEVICES BE ADMISSIBLE IN CRIMINAL AND CIVIL ACTIONS SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF EVIDENCE; AND TO IMPOSE CRIMINAL PENALTIES.* Adds new GS 131E-114.1 and 131D-42 as title indicates. Makes violation of statute by person operating a nursing home or adult care home and willful hampering, obstruction, tampering with, or destruction of electronic monitoring device or tape both Class A1 misdemeanors, punishable by fine up to \$2000, imprisonment up to one year, or both. Effective Oct 1, 2001.

Intro. by Earle.

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