

February 12, 2001

**S 118. MEDICAL TREATMENT BY INTERNET/TOLL-FREE NUMBER. AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON TREATING A PATIENT BY USE OF THE INTERNET OR A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER TO OBTAIN A LICENSE IN THIS STATE.** Enacts new GS 90-18(a1) to require persons who treat or prescribe medications to NC patients via the Internet or a toll-free telephone number to be licensed to practice medicine in NC. Does not apply to out-of-state physicians who are contacted by a regular patient while the patient is temporarily in NC.

**Intro. by Forrester and Purcell.**

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March 8, 2001

**S 118. TELEMEDICINE BY INTERNET/PHONE/INJUNCTION.** Intro. 2/12/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to read *AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON TREATING A PATIENT BY USE OF THE INTERNET OR A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER TO OBTAIN A LICENSE IN THIS STATE AND TO PERMIT THE MEDICAL BOARD TO BRING AN ACTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AGAINST NONRESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT WHERE THE BOARD RESIDES*. Rewrites GS 90-14.12 to add authorization for the state medical board to bring an action for injunctive relief against a nonresident in the district where the board resides. Rewrites GS 90-18 to specify that (1) a nonresident's prescription of medication by use of the Internet or a toll-free telephone number constitutes practicing medicine for purposes of licensing requirements and (2) the practice of medicine does not include a nonresident physician's practice of medicine when that person's patient who is temporarily in this state contacts the physician for treatment by use of the internet or a toll-free telephone number. Makes act effective Dec. 1, 2001, and applicable to offenses committed and causes of action arising on or after that date.

March 28, 2001

**S 118. TELEMEDICINE BY INTERNET/PHONE/INJUNCTION.** Intro. 02/12/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition: (1) changes short title back to "Medical Treatment by Internet/Toll-Free Number" and (2) makes technical changes.

April 23, 2001

**SL 2001-27 (S 118). MEDICAL TREATMENT BY INTERNET/TOLL-FREE NUMBER. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON TREATING A PATIENT BY USE OF THE INTERNET OR A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER TO OBTAIN A LICENSE IN THIS STATE AND TO PERMIT THE MEDICAL BOARD TO BRING AN ACTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AGAINST NONRESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT WHERE THE BOARD RESIDES.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 2/12/01, 3/8/01, and 3/28/01. Enacted April 19, 2001. Effective Dec. 1, 2001.