

April 24, 2003

H 1256. VOLUNTARY DNA DATABASE. *TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TO ESTABLISH A DNA DATABANK FOR THE VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION BY INDIVIDUALS OF DNA SAMPLES LINKED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL'S MEDICAL RECORD.* Adds new Part 19 to Article 10 of GS Ch. 143B for purpose indicated in title. States that principal purpose of DNA database is to advance scientific study of links between genetics and common diseases to improve diagnosis and treatment of these diseases. Contains provisions on collection of samples, access to database information, confidentiality of records, and segregation of records. Sets fees that Dept' of Commerce may charge for providing data to corporations and research institutions. Appropriates \$300,000 from General Fund to Dep't for each year of 2003-2005 biennium to establish database. Act effective only if funds are appropriated. Effective July 1, 2003.

Intro. by Miller.

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May 22, 2003

H 1256. VOLUNTARY DNA DATABASE. Intro. 4/24/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds new provision requiring the director of the DNA database to develop a medical history questionnaire that must be completed by volunteers who submit information to the database. Authorizes Dep't of Commerce to accept grants and other funds to be used to fund the implementation and operation of the database. Reduces appropriation from \$300,000 to \$100,000 for 2003-2004 and eliminates appropriation for 2004-2005. Sets forth priorities for Dep't of Commerce to follow in implementing the act.