

April 24, 2003

**H 1257. AMEND RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTICE ACT/FEEES. AMENDING THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS UNDER THE RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTICE ACT, AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE STATUS AND APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS, AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO ASSESS CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT.**

Amends GS 90-652(1) to authorize NC Respiratory Care Board to conduct background investigation of applicants for licensure. Amends GS 90-653(a) to provide that Board (was, Comm'n for Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs) shall approve general education programs and that Board (was, American Heart Association) shall approve Basic Cardiac Life Support requirements. Amends GS 90-654 by deleting provision authorizing licensing of applicants passing National Board for Respiratory Care, Inc., examination and providing that temporary licenses may be issued for up to 90 days from date of application (was, until Oct. 1, 2002). Amends GS 90-656 to require direct supervision of provisional licensees by respiratory care practitioners. Amends GS 90-660(b) to establish fee of up to \$20 for official verification of licensure status and \$150 for approval of continuing education programs. Creates new GS 90-666, authorizing Board to assess civil penalty of up to \$1,000, in addition to recovery of costs and attorney's fees, for violation of art. or rules adopted by Board.

**Intro. by Tolson, Nye.**

Ref. to Finance	GS 90
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