

April 3, 2003

**S 972. MORATORIUM ON EXECUTIONS FOR TWO YEARS.** *TO ESTABLISH A TWO YEAR MORATORIUM ON EXECUTIONS.* As title indicates. Requires that General Assembly or designees examine issues underlying need for moratorium.

**Intro. by Kinnaid, Carpenter, Holloman, Shaw, Clodfelter, Dorsett, Malone, Dannelly, Gulley, Lucas.**

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**S 972. EXECUTION DELAY/STUDY (NEW).** Intro. 4/3/03. Senate committee substitute adopted 4/29/03 makes the following changes to 1st edition. Provides no execution date shall be set prior to June 1, 2005, and requires the General Assembly, or its designee, to study the imposition of the death penalty under NC law, study to examine the following issues, among others: (1) adequacy of counsel; (2) judicial review of constitutional claims; (3) any disproportionate racial impact from any aspect of capital case processing; (4) possible discrimination on the basis of the victim's or defendant's race; (5) prosecutorial misconduct; and (6) the presence of innocent persons on death row.