

March 29, 2005

**H 967. HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTY/DISPOS. OF REMAINS.** *TO PROVIDE THAT IF A VALIDLY EXECUTED HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH CARE AGENT TO EXERCISE RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO ANATOMICAL GIFTS, AUTOPSY, OR DISPOSITION OF THE PRINCIPAL'S REMAINS, THE AUTHORIZING PROVISION WILL CONTINUE IN EFFECT AFTER THE DEATH OF THE PRINCIPAL FOR PURPOSES OF EXERCISING THE AUTHORIZED RIGHTS.* Amends GS 32A-19, 32A-20, and 32A-25 as title indicates.

**Intro. by Tucker.**

Ref. to Judiciary I

GS 32A

May 18, 2005

**H 967. HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTY/DISPOS. OF REMAINS.** Intro. 3/29/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes proposed amendment to GS 32A-19. Amends GS 32A-16 to add definition of "disposition of remains" as the decision to bury or cremate human remains. Amends GS 32A-25 (statutory form health care power of attorney) to add a paragraph in which the person executing the document may place limitations on the agent's decisions regarding autopsy, anatomical gifts, and disposition of remains. Amends GS 130A-398 to add a health care agent acting under a health care power of attorney as a person who may authorize an autopsy. Amends GS 130A-404(b) to include in the list of persons who may authorize anatomical gifts a health care agent acting under a health care power of attorney. Changes effective date from date the act becomes law to October 1, 2005, applicable to powers of attorney created before and after that date.

August 12, 2005

**H 967. HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTY/DISPOS. OF REMAINS.** Intro. 3/29/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes technical changes only.

September 9, 2005

**SL 2005-351 (H 967). HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTY/DISPOS. OF REMAINS.** *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IF A VALIDLY EXECUTED HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY AUTHORIZES THE HEALTH CARE AGENT TO EXERCISE RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO ANATOMICAL GIFTS, AUTOPSY, OR DISPOSITION OF THE PRINCIPAL'S REMAINS, THE AUTHORIZING PROVISION WILL CONTINUE IN EFFECT AFTER THE DEATH OF THE PRINCIPAL FOR PURPOSES OF EXERCISING THE AUTHORIZED RIGHTS, TO DEFINE "DISPOSITION OF REMAINS", AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/29/05, 5/18/05, and 8/12/05. Enacted September 7, 2005. Effective October 1, 2005.