

May 10, 2006

**S 1275. HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL REGISTRY EXPANSION.** Filed 5/10/06. *TO EXPAND THE HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL REGISTRY BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL, TO PROHIBIT THE EMPLOYMENT BY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES OF ANY PERSON WHO HAS A SUBSTANTIATED FINDING ON THE HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL REGISTRY, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DIVISION OF FACILITY SERVICES FOR STAFFING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.* In GS 131E-256 (Health Care Personnel Registry), rewrites subsection (b) to expand the definition of "health care facilities" to include (1) licensable mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse facilities as defined in GS 122C-3(14)b., (2) Multiunit Assisted Housing with Services as defined in GS 131D-2, (3) Community Based Providers of Services for the Mentally Ill, the Developmentally Disabled, and Substance Abusers not required to be licensed under Article 2 of GS Chapter 122C, and (4) agencies providing in-home aide services funded through the Home and Community Care Block Grant Program pursuant to GS 143B-181.1(a)11. Rewrites subsection (c) to broaden the definition of "health care personnel" to include any unlicensed staff of a health care facility that has direct access to residents, clients, or their property. Adds new subsection (d2) to prohibit the hiring by a health care facility of any person for whom a substantiated finding has been entered on the Health Care Personnel Registry. Effective July 1, 2006, appropriates from General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Facility Services, \$1.7 million for fiscal year 2006-07 to establish positions to handle increases in allegations and investigations. Other changes are effective October 1, 2006.

**Intro. by Dannelly.**

GS 131E, APPROP

June 22, 2006

**S 1275. HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL REGISTRY EXPANSION.** Filed 05/10/06. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. (1) Deletes proposed addition to GS 131E-256(d2) prohibiting a health care facility from employing any person for whom a substantiated finding has been entered on the Health Care Personnel Registry. (2) Amends GS 131E-256(e) to clarify that only health care facility employers are entitled to information from the Department of Health and Human Services about investigations of persons listed on the Health Care Personnel Registry. Conforms title.