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**H 178. REQUIRE SUPERVISION/USE OF LASERS/MEDICINE.** Filed 2/13/07. *REQUIRING PERSONS USING NON-ABLATIVE TREATMENT IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE TO BE SUPERVISED BY A PHYSICIAN LICENSED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD.*

Enacts new GS 90-18.5 requiring supervision by a physician licensed by the NC Medical Board of the use of non-ablative treatment (laser or intense pulsed light treatment not expected or intended to incise, remove, burn, or vaporize the surface of the skin, including laser hair removal) by a person who is not a licensed physician. Delineates restrictions and conditions on the use of non-ablative treatment by a person other than a licensed physician. Specifies that the supervising physician in a non-ablative procedure has full legal and professional responsibility for the patient receiving the treatment. Prohibits the use of lasers or intense pulsed light for ablative procedures by anyone other than licensed physicians. Authorizes the NC State Medical Board to adopt rules to enforce the section and regulate the use of non-ablative treatment. Requires that any professional corporation offering non-ablative treatment comply with the provisions of GS Chapter 55B (Professional Corporation Act).

**Intro. by Howard, England.**

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