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**S 708. HOSPICE/LICENSE FEES, INSPECTIONS, FUNDS.** Filed 3/13/07. *TO AUTHORIZE AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR HOSPICES; TO REQUIRE INSPECTIONS OF HOSPICES EVERY THREE YEARS; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SUPPORT TWO FULL-TIME POSITIONS TO SURVEY ALL LICENSED HOSPICE PROVIDERS EVERY THREE YEARS.*

Amends GS 131E-202 to require an annual license fee of \$350 for hospices and amends GS 131E-204 to require that hospices be inspected at a minimum of every three years. Appropriates \$42,500 in each year of the biennium from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Facility Services, to support two positions to do the required inspections. Effective July 1, 2007.

**Intro. by Purcell.**

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