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Enacts new GS 14-28.1 making it a Class C felony to conduct female genital mutilation, to consent to the female genital mutilation of a female under 18 years old, or to remove a female under 18 years old from the state for the purpose of conducting female genital mutilation. Makes exceptions for procedures necessary to preserve physical health and for autopsies. Consent, religion, ritual, and custom are not a defense. Provides that the statutory privileges in GS Chapter 8 (Evidence) and GS Chapter 8C (Evidence Code) do not apply in proceedings in which one party is charged with a crime against a female under the age of 18, although the person will be compellable to give evidence only on the specific act charged. Effective for offenses committed on or after December 1, 2007.

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