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**S 161. EXECUTION/PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.** Filed 2/11/09. *TO ENSURE THAT ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY ANY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL IN THE PROCESS OF A LAWFUL EXECUTION BY THE STATE DOES NOT RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY OR CORRECTIVE ACTION BY ANY STATE AUTHORIZED BOARD OR AUTHORITY, AND TO EXCLUDE THE ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES USED IN AN EXECUTION FROM THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.*

Enacts new GS 15-188.1 as the title indicates. Provision against rendering disciplinary or corrective action applies to any licensed health care professional, including but not limited to physicians, nurses, and pharmacists. State authorized board or authority includes, but is not limited to the NC Medical Board, the NC Board of Nursing, and the NC Board of Pharmacy. Directs that administering the lethal substances required to inflict the punishment of death is not be construed to be the practice of medicine.

**Intro. by Berger of Rockingham.**

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