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HOUSE BILL 382\*  
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PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H382-PCS30240-RD-10

Short Title: Authorize Voluntary Medical Registry Program.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 4, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO  
3 ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY MODEL REGISTRY FOR USE BY COUNTIES AND  
4 MUNICIPALITIES IN IDENTIFYING FUNCTIONALLY AND MEDICALLY  
5 FRAGILE PERSONS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE DURING A DISASTER; AND TO  
6 AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO OPERATE SIMILAR  
7 REGISTRIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
8 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT RECOVERY.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 166A-5(3) is amended by adding a new sub-subdivision to read:

11 "(3) Functions of State Emergency Management. – The functions of the State  
12 emergency management program include:

13 ...

14 b2. Establishment of a voluntary model registry for use by political  
15 subdivisions in identifying functionally and medically fragile persons  
16 in need of assistance during a disaster. All records, data, information,  
17 correspondence, and communications relating to the registration of  
18 persons with special needs or of functionally and medically fragile  
19 persons obtained pursuant to this sub-subdivision are confidential  
20 and are not a public record pursuant to G.S. 132-1 or any other  
21 applicable statute, except that this information shall be available to  
22 emergency response agencies, as determined by the local emergency  
23 management director. This information shall be used only for the  
24 purposes set forth in this sub-subdivision.

25 ...."

26 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 166A-7(d) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

27 "(d) In carrying out the provisions of this Article each political subdivision is authorized:

28 ...

29 (5) To coordinate the voluntary registration of functionally and medically fragile  
30 persons in need of assistance during a disaster either through a registry  
31 established by this subdivision or by the State. All records, data,  
32 information, correspondence, and communications relating to the  
33 registration of persons with special needs or of functionally and medically



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3 except that this information shall be available to emergency response  
4 agencies, as determined by the local emergency management director. This  
5 information shall be used only for the purposes set forth in this subdivision."

6 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.