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SENATE DRS85099-LLf-123 (03/15)

Short Title: Inmates Prescriptions/Pistol Permits. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Bingham (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A TEN DOLLAR CO-PAY FOR PRESCRIPTION  
MEDICATION DISPENSED IN A COUNTY JAIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
PISTOL PERMIT FEE COLLECTED BY SHERIFFS TO BE AN APPLICATION FEE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 153A-225(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Each unit that operates a local confinement facility shall develop a plan for providing medical care for prisoners in the facility. The plan

- (1) Shall be designed to protect the health and welfare of the prisoners and to avoid the spread of contagious disease;
- (2) Shall provide for medical supervision of prisoners and emergency medical care for prisoners to the extent necessary for their health and welfare;
- (3) Shall provide for the detection, examination and treatment of prisoners who are infected with tuberculosis or venereal diseases.

The unit shall develop the plan in consultation with appropriate local officials and organizations, including the sheriff, the county physician, the local or district health director, and the local medical society. The plan must be approved by the local or district health director after consultation with the area mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse authority, if it is adequate to protect the health and welfare of the prisoners. Upon a determination that the plan is adequate to protect the health and welfare of the prisoners, the plan must be adopted by the governing body.

As a part of its plan, each unit may establish fees of not more than twenty dollars (\$20.00) per incident for the provision of nonemergency medical care to ~~prisoners~~ prisoners and a fee of not more than ten dollars (\$10.00) for a 30-day supply or less of a prescription drug. In establishing fees pursuant to this section, each unit shall establish a procedure for waiving fees for indigent prisoners."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 14-404(e) is amended by adding a new section to read:

"(e) The sheriff shall charge for the sheriff's services upon ~~issuing the license or permit~~ receipt of an application a fee of five dollars (\$5.00)."

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013, and applies to fees assessed or collected on or after that date.



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