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HOUSE BILL DRH30117-LG-57

Short Title: Establish SUDEP Awareness Week. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Riddell, Kidwell, Graham, and Moss (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT CREATING THE SHANNON LEIGH ADCOCK AND STEVEN ANTHONY  
3 CHRISTOS MEMORIAL ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SECOND WEEK IN NOVEMBER  
4 AS SUDEP AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

5 Whereas, "SUDEP" is the sudden, unexpected death of a person with epilepsy, who  
6 was otherwise considered healthy; and

7 Whereas, each year, more than one out of 1,000 people with epilepsy die from  
8 SUDEP; and

9 Whereas, uncontrolled seizures increase the risk of SUDEP to more than one out of  
10 150; and

11 Whereas, November is observed as National Epilepsy Awareness Month throughout  
12 the nation; and

13 Whereas, during National Epilepsy Awareness Month, it is important to also bring  
14 awareness of SUDEP; Now, therefore,

15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

16 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
17 section to read:

18 "**§ 103-16. SUDEP Awareness Week.**

19 The week beginning on the second Sunday in November of each year is designated as Sudden  
20 Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) Awareness Week in North Carolina."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

