GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 499 HOUSE BILL 587

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY OF THE MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION FOR NURSING HOME REGULATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 131E-116 reads as rewritten:

"§ 131E-116. Definitions.

As used in this Part, unless otherwise specified:

- (1) 'Administrator' means an administrator of a facility.
- (1a) 'Commission' means the North Carolina Medical Care Commission.
- (2) 'Facility' means a nursing home and a home for the aged or disabled licensed pursuant to G.S. 131E-102, and also means a nursing home operated by a hospital which is licensed under Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 131E.
- (3) 'Patient' means a person who has been admitted to a facility.
- (4) 'Representative payee' means a person certified by the federal government to receive and disburse benefits for a recipient of governmental assistance."
- Sec. 2. Part B of Article 6 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 131E-131. Rule-making authority; enforcement.

The Commission shall adopt rules necessary for the implementation of this Part.

<u>The Department shall enforce the rules adopted by the Commission to implement</u> this Part."

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of July, 1993.

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