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Short Title: Med. Database Amendments.

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April 1, 1991

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA  
3 MEDICAL DATABASE COMMISSION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Section 208(d) of Chapter 757 of the 1985 Session Laws reads as  
6 rewritten:

7 "(d) The North Carolina Medical Database Commission shall terminate and  
8 Article 11 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes shall expire on July 1, ~~1991~~-1996."

9 Sec. 2. G.S. 131E-211(b) reads as rewritten:

10 "(b) The North Carolina Medical Database Commission shall consist of nine  
11 members. The appointments shall be made as follows:

12 (1) One representative of an employer from a business with of 200 or  
13 more employees in a business that is unrelated to a health care  
14 provider or third-party payor shall be appointed by the General  
15 Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives in accordance with G.S. 120-121.

17 (2) One representative of an employer from a business with of less than  
18 200 employees in a business that is unrelated to a health care provider  
19 or third-party payor shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon  
20 the recommendation of the President of the Senate in accordance with  
21 G.S. 120-121.

- 1 (3) One physician shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the  
2 recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in  
3 accordance with G.S. 120-121.
- 4 (4) One hospital administrator shall be appointed by the General  
5 Assembly upon the recommendation of the President of the Senate in  
6 accordance with G.S. 120-121.
- 7 (5) One representative of a commercial insurance company providing  
8 health insurance in North Carolina shall be appointed by the General  
9 Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of  
10 Representatives in accordance with G.S. 120-121.
- 11 (6) One representative of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina  
12 shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation  
13 of the President of the Senate in accordance with G.S. 120-121.
- 14 (7) One representative of State government at large shall be appointed by  
15 the Governor.
- 16 (8) One nurse who provides raw data to the Commission pursuant to this  
17 Article or who is employed by a health care provider who provides  
18 raw data to the Commission pursuant to this Article shall be appointed  
19 by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of  
20 the House in accordance with G.S. 120-121.
- 21 (9) One health care provider that provides raw data to the Commission  
22 pursuant to this Article shall be appointed by the General Assembly  
23 upon the recommendation of the President of the Senate in accordance  
24 with G.S. 120-121.
- 25 (10) One employee of an employer of 200 or more employees with a  
26 collective bargaining agreement in a business that is unrelated to a  
27 health care provider or third-party payor shall be appointed by the  
28 General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the  
29 House of Representatives in accordance with G.S. 120-121.

30 ~~The Insurance Commissioner and the Secretary of Human Resources shall be ex~~  
31 ~~officio members of the Commission without voting power. The Insurance~~  
32 ~~Commissioner, the Secretary of Human Resources, and the Secretary of the Department~~  
33 ~~of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources shall be ex officio members of the~~  
34 ~~Commission without voting power. Any member of the Commission shall be~~  
35 ~~automatically removed from the Commission upon certification by the Commission to~~  
36 ~~the recommending authority that such member no longer satisfies the requirements for~~  
37 ~~appointment to the Commission set forth in subdivisions (1) through (9) of this~~  
38 ~~subsection.~~

39 Vacancies in appointments made by the General Assembly shall be filled in  
40 accordance with G.S. 120-122. Other vacancies in appointive terms shall be filled for  
41 the unexpired portion of the terms by appointment by the Governor."

42 Sec. 3. G.S. 131E-211(e) reads as rewritten:

1       "~~(e) The majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction~~  
2 ~~of business.~~ A majority of the voting members of the Commission shall constitute a  
3 quorum."

4               Sec. 4. G.S. 131E-212(f) reads as rewritten:

5       "(f) Data collected by and furnished to the Commission pursuant to this Article  
6 shall not be shared among the other State agencies unless the information is approved  
7 by the Commission as a public record pursuant to G.S. 131E-213. Notwithstanding the  
8 provisions of G.S. 131E-213, the Commission shall,\* upon request of the State Health  
9 Director, and where not otherwise prohibited by federal law or regulation, make  
10 available to the State Health Director specific individual records, including patient and  
11 provider identifiers, in furtherance of the mandate in Chapter 130A of the General  
12 Statutes to protect and promote the public health. Records obtained in this manner shall  
13 be confidential, shall not be public records, and shall not be made available by the State  
14 Health Director notwithstanding G.S. 130A-374(a)(2). "

15               Sec. 5. Nothing in this act shall obligate the General Assembly to appropriate  
16 funds to carry out the provisions of this act.

17               Sec. 6. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991, except that amendments to  
18 G.S. 131E-211(b)(8) and G.S. 131E-211(b)(9) become effective July 1, 1992.