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Short Title: Patient Counseling About Medication.

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Sponsors: Senator Cooper.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH WHEN A HOSPITAL OR HEALTH CARE FACILITY IS  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF  
PHARMACY REGARDING COUNSELING PATIENTS ABOUT  
PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 131E-79.1. Counseling patients regarding prescriptions.**

(a) Any hospital or other health care facility licensed pursuant to this Chapter or Chapter 122C of the General Statutes or any health maintenance organization providing patient counseling by a physician, a registered nurse, or any other appropriately trained health care professional shall be deemed in compliance with the rules adopted by the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy regarding patient counseling.

(b) As used in this section, 'patient counseling' means the effective communication of information to the patient or representative in order to improve therapeutic outcomes by maximizing proper use of prescription medications and devices."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.