## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

## **SESSION 1995**

HOUSE BILL 744

Short Title: Rest Hm. Penalty/Patient Unattended. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Clary; Baker, Bowie, Buchanan, Cansler, Capps, Cummings, Davis, Decker, Dickson, Earle, Eddins, Hiatt, Justus, Kiser, Linney, McAllister, McComas, K. Miller, Pate, Pulley, Reynolds, Sexton, Sharpe, Shubert, Snowden, Weatherly, Wilkins, and G. Wilson.

Referred to: Welfare, Reform and Human Resources, if favorable, Judiciary I.

## April 3, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A DOMICILIARY CARE FACILITY FOUND ON INSPECTION TO HAVE LEFT A PATIENT UNATTENDED TO HAVE LICENSE REVOKED AND TO BE PLACED UNDER TEMPORARY MANAGEMENT PENDING ANY APPEAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1. Article 1 of Chapter 131D of the General Statutes is amended by inserting a new section to read:

## "§ 131D-2.1. License revoked for leaving patient unattended; temporary management pending appeal.

(a) If, during any inspection pursuant to G.S. 131D-2(b), any inspector whether from the Division of Facility Services or the department of social services observes any instance in which a patient is left unattended by appropriate trained staff, that inspector shall immediately commence the process prescribed in G.S. 131D-2(b) for revocation of the facility's license.

- 1 (b) The Department of Human Resources shall ensure that, as soon as the license 2 revocation process is begun, the facility is placed under temporary management pursuant 3 to Article 4 of this Chapter pending any appeal of the revocation."
- Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1995, and applies to revocation processes begun because of inspections occurring on or after that date.