

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 406

Short Title: Living Will Registry Study.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Fox; Alexander, Allen, Allred, Arnold, Barbee, Barefoot, Bonner, Bowie, Braswell, Bridgeman, Buchanan, Cole, Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dedmon, Dockman, Earle, Easterling, Gibson, Goodwin, Grady, Hackney, Haire, Hiatt, Hill, Hurley, Insko, Kinney, Kiser, Luebke, McAllister, McComas, Melton, Michaux, Moore, Nesbitt, Owens, Rayfield, Redwine, Rogers, Saunders, Sexton, Smith, Starnes, Sutton, Teague, Thomas, Tolson, Tucker, Wainwright, Walend, Warner, and Warren.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

March 11, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING
A CENTRAL REGISTRY FOR LIVING WILLS AND ORGAN DONATIONS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services shall study the feasibility and requirements for establishing a statewide central registry for declarations of a desire for a natural death (living wills) and anatomical gift declarations (organ donations), including electronic accessibility to the registry by physicians, hospitals, organ procurement programs, and others. The study may include any necessary statutory changes to allow reliance on electronic copies of documents with verified electronic signatures.

Section 2. The Secretary shall submit a final report of the findings and recommendations of the study to the 2000 Regular Session of the 1999 General Assembly on or before the first day of the 2000 Regular Session by filing the report with

1 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives.
3 Section 3. This act becomes effective when it becomes law.