

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 706**

Short Title: Funds/Rural Health Recruitment. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Albertson, Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Dorsett, Jones, Kinnaird, and Rand.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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March 14, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
2 HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH, FOR RECRUITMENT  
3 ACTIVITIES.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
7 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health, the sum of two  
8 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and  
9 the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the 2008-2009  
10 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for the Rural Obstetrical Care Incentive Fund in  
11 the Office of Rural Health to make grants to physicians who are adversely affected by  
12 the high cost of professional liability insurance. Grant funds shall be allocated solely  
13 for the purpose of subsidizing in whole or in part the costs associated with obtaining or  
14 maintaining professional liability insurance for physicians in health care manpower  
15 shortage areas of the State as defined by the Office of Rural Health.

16 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
17 Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health, the sum of one  
18 million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and  
19 the sum of one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) for the 2008-2009  
20 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for recruitment incentives and practice support  
21 incentives for physicians who are practicing or who intend to practice in health  
22 manpower shortage areas of the State.

23 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.