

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH30223-LL-189 (3/19)

Short Title: Execution/Physician Assistance Authorized. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Moore and Stam (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY ANY HEALTH CARE
3 PROFESSIONAL IN THE PROCESS OF A LAWFUL EXECUTION BY THE STATE
4 DOES NOT RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY OR CORRECTIVE ACTION BY ANY
5 STATE AUTHORIZED BOARD OR AUTHORITY, AND TO EXCLUDE THE
6 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES USED IN AN EXECUTION
7 FROM THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.
8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
9 **SECTION 1.** Article 19 of Chapter 15 of the General Statutes is amended by
10 adding a new section to read:
11 "**§ 15-188.1. Health care professional assistance.**
12 (a) Any assistance rendered with an execution under this Article by any licensed health
13 care professional, including, but not limited to, physicians, nurses, and pharmacists shall not be
14 cause for any disciplinary or corrective measures by any board, commission, or other authority
15 created by the State or governed by State law which oversees or regulates the practice of health
16 care professionals, including, but not limited to, the North Carolina Medical Board, the North
17 Carolina Board of Nursing, and the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy.
18 (b) The infliction of the punishment of death by administration of the required lethal
19 substances under this Article shall not be construed to be the practice of medicine."
20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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