

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 258\***

Short Title: Authorize Voluntary Medical Registry Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Snow, Atwater, Goss, Nesbitt; and Swindell.

Referred to: Health Care.

February 23, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO  
2 ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY MODEL REGISTRY FOR USE BY COUNTIES AND  
3 MUNICIPALITIES IN IDENTIFYING FUNCTIONALLY AND MEDICALLY  
4 FRAGILE PERSONS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE DURING A DISASTER; AND TO  
5 AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO OPERATE SIMILAR  
6 REGISTRIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
7 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT RECOVERY.  
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9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 166A-5(3) is amended by adding a new sub-subdivision to read:

11 "(3) Functions of State Emergency Management. – The functions of the State  
12 emergency management program include:

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14 b2. Establishment of a voluntary model registry for use by political  
15 subdivisions in identifying functionally and medically fragile persons  
16 in need of assistance during a disaster. Any health information  
17 obtained pursuant to this sub-subdivision is confidential and is not a  
18 public record pursuant to G.S. 132-1 or any other applicable statute.  
19 This information shall be used only for the purposes set forth in this  
20 sub-subdivision.

21 ...."

22 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 166A-7(d) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

23 "(d) In carrying out the provisions of this Article each political subdivision is authorized:

24 ...

25 (5) To coordinate the voluntary registration of functionally and medically fragile  
26 persons in need of assistance during a disaster either through a registry  
27 established by this subdivision or by the State. Any health information  
28 obtained pursuant to this subdivision is confidential and is not a public  
29 record pursuant to G.S. 132-1 or any other applicable statute. This  
30 information shall be used only for the purposes set forth in this subdivision."

31 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

