

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE DRS55000-LN-14 (1/6)**

Short Title: Funds/Stroke Ambulance Treatment System.

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Sponsors: Senator Garrou.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY FOR THE  
3 DEVELOPMENT OF A HYPERBARIC OXYGEN CHAMBER EQUIPPED STROKE  
4 TREATMENT AMBULANCE.

5       Whereas, North Carolina has one of the highest stroke rates in the United States;  
6 and

7       Whereas, in 2005 the total stroke hospital charges in North Carolina amounted to  
8 \$540,000,000; and

9       Whereas, the only FDA-approved medication for treatment of stroke is Tissue  
10 Plasminogen Activator (tPA); and

11       Whereas, the FDA imposes a three-hour post-stroke time limit for administration of  
12 tPA; and

13       Whereas, a Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber Equipped Stroke Treatment Ambulance  
14 would extend the three-hour FDA-approved window for administration of tPA and produce a  
15 synergistic improvement of the positive benefit of tPA treatment resulting in better stroke  
16 treatment for thousands of North Carolina residents every year; Now, therefore,  
17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

18       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Wake Forest  
19 University Health Sciences the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2009-2010  
20 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for the development of a Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber  
21 Equipped Stroke Treatment Ambulance.

22       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

