

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 909**

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Sponsors: Representative Mosley.

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

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR ENSURING  
3 LICENSURE COMPLIANCE BY LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

5 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study alternative  
6 inspection methods, other than the use of State resources allocated to inspect facilities, to  
7 ensure that assisted living facilities and nursing facilities provide good quality care and  
8 comply with State law. The study may include:

- 9 (1) Feasibility of establishing a long-term care accreditation commission to  
10 set standards for licensure and quality of care and that, if met, would  
11 deem the facility in compliance with licensure requirements.
- 12 (2) Compliance and quality of care effectiveness that would be achieved if  
13 long-term care facilities that meet nationally recognized accreditation  
14 standards are deemed to meet State licensure requirements.
- 15 (3) Other methods that could be used that would better ensure licensure  
16 compliance and good quality of care that would enable current State  
17 resources used for routine inspection of facilities to focus on facilities  
18 about which complaints have been received or that have a history of  
19 noncompliance with State licensing laws.

20 The Commission may make an interim report to the 1999 General Assembly,  
21 Regular Session 2000, and shall make its final report to the 2001 General Assembly.

22 Section 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.