

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

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HOUSE BILL 1672

Short Title: Medical Malpractice Premiums.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Insko.

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

May 26, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
3 TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE PREMIUMS IN CASES
4 IN WHICH THE INSURED PRACTICES MEDICINE PART-TIME AND TO
5 DEVELOP LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Insurance shall study the issue of the cost
8 of medical malpractice insurance coverage for persons who practice medicine on a
9 part-time basis and shall review the current rate-setting procedures. The Department
10 shall develop administrative rules or legislative recommendations and proposals that
11 require insurers to set rates for medical malpractice insurance coverage based on the
12 amount of time the person covered by the insurance practices medicine. The
13 Department shall report its recommendations and legislative proposals to the General
14 Assembly by February 1, 2005.

15 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
16 Department of Insurance the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2004-2005
17 fiscal year to review the procedures by which insurers set rates for medical malpractice
18 insurance coverage and to develop the recommendations and proposals required by this
19 act.

20 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.