

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2053*

Short Title: DHHS Evaluate Telemonitoring. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Earle, Weiss, England (Primary Sponsors); Clary, Bordsen, Adams, Alexander, Bell, Carney, Church, Cole, Crawford, Dickson, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Glazier, Harrell, Insko, Jeffus, Ed Jones, Lucas, Luebke, Nye, Parmon, Rapp, Saunders, Wainwright, Wray, and Wright.

Referred to: Aging.

May 18, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
2 SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO EVALUATE THE USE
3 OF TELEMONITORING EQUIPMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STUDY
4 COMMISSION ON AGING.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
8 Medical Assistance, shall evaluate the use of telemonitoring equipment as a tool to
9 improve the health of home-based individuals through increased monitoring and
10 responsiveness, and resulting in increased stabilization rates and decreased
11 hospitalization rates. The evaluation must include a representative number of older
12 adults. The Department shall report to the Study Commission on Aging by August 1,
13 2007. The report shall include findings and recommendations on the cost-effectiveness
14 of telemonitoring and the benefits to individuals and healthcare providers.

15 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.