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SENATE DRS85055-MDz-16B\* (11/18)

Short Title: Authorize Voluntary Medical Registry Program.

(Public)

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

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY MODEL REGISTRY FOR USE BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN IDENTIFYING FUNCTIONALLY AND MEDICALLY FRAGILE PERSONS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE DURING A DISASTER; AND TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO OPERATE SIMILAR REGISTRIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT RECOVERY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

...

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

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

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

...

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

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

