

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 678
SENATE BILL 323

AN ACT REGARDING THE METHOD OF EXECUTION IN THIS STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 15-187 is amended by changing the period at the end to a comma and adding the following: "except that if any person sentenced to death so chooses, he may at least five days prior to his execution date, elect in writing to be executed by the administration of a lethal quantity of an ultrashort-acting barbiturate in combination with a chemical paralytic agent."

Sec. 2. G.S. 15-188 is amended by deleting the first word of that section and substituting the following:

"Except as otherwise provided in G.S. 15-187, the".

Sec. 3. G.S. 15-190 is amended by deleting from the first sentence the word "asphyxiated" and substituting the word "executed"; and is further amended by deleting from the second sentence the word "asphyxiation" and substituting the word "execution"; and is further amended by deleting from the second sentence the word "asphyxiated" and substituting the word "executed".

Sec. 4. The warden of Central Prison may obtain and employ the drugs necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, regardless of contrary provisions in Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.

Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 5th day of July, 1983.