

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-137  
HOUSE BILL 455

AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING THE  
DETECTION, PREVENTION, CARE, AND TREATMENT OF GLAUCOMA  
AND DIABETES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The title to Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

"Part 3. Glaucoma and Diabetes."

Section 2. G.S. 130A-221 reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-221. **Department authorized to establish program.**

(a) The Department ~~shall~~may establish and administer a program for the detection and prevention of glaucoma and diabetes and the care and treatment of persons with glaucoma and diabetes. The program may include:

- (1) Education of patients, health care personnel and the public;
- (2) Development and expansion of services to persons with glaucoma and diabetes; and
- (3) Provision of supplies, equipment and medication for detection and control of glaucoma and diabetes.

(b) The Commission is authorized to adopt rules necessary to implement the program."

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of May, 1997.

s/ Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.  
Governor

Approved 9:53 a.m. this 4th day of June, 1997