

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2011

SESSION LAW 2011-194  
SENATE BILL 31

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PENALTY FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF  
MEDICINE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-18(a) reads as rewritten:

**"§ 90-18. Practicing without license; penalties.**

(a) No person shall perform any act constituting the practice of medicine or surgery, as defined in this Article, or any of the branches thereof, unless the person shall have been first licensed and registered so to do in the manner provided in this ~~Article.~~ ~~Article, and if any~~ Any person shall practice who practices medicine or surgery without being duly licensed and registered, as provided in this Article, ~~the person~~ shall not be allowed to maintain any action to collect any fee for such services. ~~The~~Any person so practicing without license being duly licensed and registered in this State shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor, except that if the person so practicing without a license is an out-of-state practitioner who has not been licensed and registered to practice medicine or surgery in this State, the person shall be guilty of a Class I felony.Class 1 misdemeanor. Any person so practicing without being duly licensed and registered in this State and who is falsely representing himself or herself in a manner as being licensed or registered under this Article or any Article of this Chapter shall be guilty of a Class I felony. Any person so practicing without being duly licensed and registered in this State and who is an out-of-state practitioner shall be guilty of a Class I felony. Any person who has a license or approval under this Article that is inactive due solely to the failure to complete annual registration in a timely fashion as required by this Article or any person who is licensed, registered, and practicing under any other Article of this Chapter shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2011, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

s/ Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
Governor



Approved 11:32 a.m. this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2011