

March 5, 2001

H 463. CLEAN SYRINGE/SAFE SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM. TO AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY-BASED CLEAN SYRINGE--SAFE SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS. Amends GS Ch. 130A, Art. 6, Part 1, by adding a new section providing that notwithstanding GS Ch. 90, Art. 5B, a program for a county designated to participate in a community-based clean syringe--safe syringe exchange program may be approved by a local board of health if specified conditions are met. Provides that GS 90-113.22 and GS 90-113.23 do not apply to employees, volunteers, or participants in a community-based clean syringe--safe syringe program approved by the local board of health; such immunity applies only to acts committed while carrying out duties as an employee or volunteer of a program or during the course of an injecting drug user's participation in the program. Appropriates \$50,000 for 2001-2002 and \$50,000 for 2002-2003 from General Fund to Dep't of Health and Human Services to implement and evaluate the clean syringe--safe syringe exchange programs authorized by the act. Effective July 1, 2001.

Intro. by Wright.

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