

June 17, 2002

**S 1435. TRAUMA CENTER STUDY/FEE. TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF TRAUMA CENTERS ACROSS THE STATE THROUGH AN INCREASE IN THE FEE CHARGED FOR RESTORING DRIVERS LICENSES REVOKED FOR ALCOHOL-RELATED OFFENSES AND TO CREATE THE STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM STUDY COMMISSION.**

*License restoration fee raised.* Amends GS 20-16.5(j) to raise the license restoration fee for person whose license is revoked for alcohol-related offenses from \$50 to \$150. Provides that \$25 of fee will be used to fund statewide chemical alcohol testing program and \$100 will be credited to a nonreverting account in Office of Emergency Services, Div'n of Facility Services of Dep't of Health and Human Services, for development and operation of statewide trauma system. Prohibits use of these funds until the comm'n established in act has made recommendations that have been acted upon by General Assembly. Effective July 1, 2002, and applies to costs collected on or after that date.

*Statewide Trauma System Study Comm'n.* Establishes Comm'n of 21 members to study the delivery of emergency medical services in NC. Requires Comm'n to submit final written report and recommendations to 2005 General Assembly; Comm'n terminates when final report is filed. Allows Comm'n to file progress reports to 2003 General Assembly, including recommendations for best use of funds. Directs Legislative Services Comm'n to allocate funds for Comm'n expenses from funds appropriated to the General Assembly.

**Intro. by Carter, Hoyle, Plyler, Purcell.**

To be referred 6-18	GS 20, STUDY
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