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**SENATE BILL 144
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Short Title: Unauthorized Practice of Medicine/Felony. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Forrester, Purcell; Blake, Carpenter, and Sloan.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

February 24, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PENALTY FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE
OF MEDICINE FROM A MISDEMEANOR TO A FELONY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(a) No person shall practice medicine or surgery, or any of the branches thereof, nor in any case prescribe for the cure of diseases unless the person shall have been first licensed and registered so to do in the manner provided in this Article, and if any person shall practice 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 person so practicing without license shall be guilty of a ~~Class 1 misdemeanor.~~ Class I felony."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2003, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.