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S 877. AMEND LAWS/PRAC. OF MED./INC. CERTAIN FEES. *AMENDING CERTAIN LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN NORTH CAROLINA AND AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD TO INCREASE CERTAIN FEES*. Rewrites GS 90-14(a) to make it applicable to physician assistants as well as physicians and to expand the options available to the NC Medical Board when a ground exists to deny, annul, suspend, or revoke a license. New options include impose probation, limitations, or conditions; publicly reprimand; assess monetary redress or a fine; mandate free medical services; or require completion of treatment or training. Also adds an additional ground – having not actively practiced or having not maintained continued competency for a two-year period immediately before applying for a license or for reactivation of a license. Rewrites GS 90-15 to specify an application fee of $350 (was, up to $250), and increase from $25 to $100 the fee for a limited license to practice for purpose of education and training. Rewrites GS 90-15.1 to increase the annual registration fee from $125 to $175; set fees of $125 for a person with limited license to practice for purpose of education and training and $25 for person with limited volunteer license; and increase from $20 to $50 the fee for failing to register.

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