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| Short Title: | Health Care for All.                                                                (Public) |
| Sponsors: | Representatives Insko, Alexander, Wright (Primary Sponsors);  Fisher, McAllister, Adams, B. Allen, Farmer-Butterfield, Glazier, Hackney, Harrison, Luebke, Parmon, Wainwright, Weiss, and Womble. |
| Referred to: | Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. |

April 21, 2005

1  A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2  AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO
3      RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT TO HEALTH CARE.
4  The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5          **SECTION 1.**  Article I of the North Carolina Constitution is amended by
6  adding a new section to read:
7  "**Sec. 38. Health care.**
8      Health care is an essential safeguard of human life and dignity, and there is an
9  obligation for the State to ensure that every resident is able to realize this fundamental
10  right. Not later than July 1, 2007, the General Assembly shall provide by law a plan to
11  ensure that by July 1, 2011, every resident of North Carolina has access to appropriate
12  health care on a regular basis."
13          **SECTION 2.**  The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be
14  submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the general election in November 2006,
15  which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State.
16  Ballots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the
17  General Statutes.  The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:
18                          "[  ] FOR      [  ] AGAINST
19      Constitutional amendment providing that health care is a fundamental right."
20          **SECTION 3.**  If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of
21  the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify
22  the amendment to the Secretary of State.  The Secretary of State shall enroll the
23  amendment so certified among the permanent records of that office.
24          **SECTION 4.**  This act is effective when it becomes law.