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S 1107. ESTABLISH ART THERAPY LICENSURE ACT. Filed 3/20/07. *TO ESTABLISH THE ART THERAPY LICENSURE ACT*.

Enacts new Article 18E in GS Chapter 90, as title indicates. Effective January 1, 2008, prohibits practicing as an art therapist without a state license. Defines art therapy as therapeutic use of art making, within a professional relationship, to improve and enhance physical, mental, and emotional well-being of persons experiencing illness, trauma, or challenges in living, or seeking personal development. Establishes the NC Board of Art Therapy to administer the act and sets out its membership and powers and duties. Sets out qualifications for licensure, fees, and procedures to be followed by the board in disciplining licensees. Makes violation of the act a Class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by a civil penalty up to $1,000 and permits the Board to seek injunctions against violators.

Intro. by Boseman. GS 90