

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1591

Short Title: Hemophilia Awareness Day. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives England; Brown, Fisher, Gillespie, Glazier, Harrison, Moore, and Weiss.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE MAY 15 OF EACH YEAR AS HEMOPHILIA
2 AWARENESS DAY.
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4 Whereas, hemophilia is the name of several hereditary genetic illnesses that
5 impair the body's ability to control bleeding; and

6 Whereas, hemophilia is defined as excessive, uncontrollable bleeding because
7 of the missing or low-level clotting factor in the blood; and

8 Whereas, bleeding may occur even when there is no injury, and most often
9 occurs in the joints, but all areas of the body can be affected; and

10 Whereas, there are approximately 20,000 United States citizens with
11 hemophilia, and each year approximately 400 babies are born with the disease; and

12 Whereas, hemophilia affects males almost exclusively and is found in all
13 populations; and

14 Whereas, there is no cure for hemophilia; it is a lifelong condition that some
15 individuals can control with regular injections of the deficient clotting factor; Now,
16 therefore,

17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

18 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the
19 following new section to read:

20 "**§ 103-11. Hemophilia Awareness Day.**

21 The fifteenth day of May of each year is designated as Hemophilia Awareness Day
22 in North Carolina."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.