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HOUSE BILL 1878

Short Title: Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Dickson, Carney, Wiley (Primary Sponsors); Allen, Bell, England, Faison, Glazier, Harrison, Pierce, Rapp, Ross, Wainwright, and Wray.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 26, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE
3 CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE TASK FORCE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA
4 INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE; AND PERTAINING TO LABORATORY TESTS
5 FOR KIDNEY DISEASE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
8 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of two
9 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of
10 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These
11 funds shall be allocated to the North Carolina Institute of Medicine to continue the work
12 of the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force. The funds shall be used for professional
13 and support staff, operating expenses, travel, and recommended interventions such as
14 provider training regarding chronic kidney disease and grants to local health
15 departments and other agencies for community screening initiatives.

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall report
17 annually on the use of these funds to the House of Representatives Appropriations
18 Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on
19 Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

20 **SECTION 2.** Part 2 of Article 7 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is
21 amended by adding the following new section to read:

22 **"§ 130A-220.1. Laboratory reporting results of tests for kidney disease.**

23 When a laboratory in this State is requested to test a specimen to determine a
24 patient's serum creatinine level, as ordered or prescribed by a licensed health care
25 professional authorized to issue such order or prescription, the laboratory shall calculate
26 and report estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR) on any adult serum-based

1 creatinine using the MDRD (Modification of Diet in Renal Disease) prediction
2 equation."

3 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2007. The
4 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to laboratory tests
5 conducted on and after that date.