

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 1091

Short Title: Practice of Medicine/Surgery Defined. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Purcell.

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Referred to: Health Care.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DEFINE THE TERM "SURGERY" FOR PURPOSES OF THE  
2 PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding the following new section to read:

7 "**§ 90-2.2. Surgery defined.**

8 For purposes of this Article, the term "surgery" means the diagnosis or therapeutic  
9 treatment of conditions or disease processes by any instrument causing localized  
10 alteration or transposition of live human tissue or organs including but not limited to  
11 lasers, ultrasound, ionizing radiation, scalpels, probes, and needles in which human  
12 tissue or organs are cut, burned, vaporized, frozen, sutured, probed, manipulated by  
13 closed reduction for major dislocations and fractures, or otherwise altered by any  
14 mechanical thermal, light-based, electromagnetic, or chemical means."

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