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SENATE BILL 1039

Short Title: State Health Plan/No Abortion Coverage. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Brock; Berger of Rockingham, Hunt, Jacumin, and Tillman.

Referred to: Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits.

March 31, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COVERAGE FOR ABORTIONS UNDER THE STATE HEALTH
3 PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 135-45.8 is amended by adding the following new
6 subdivision to read:

7 "**§ 135-45.8. General limitations and exclusions.**

8 The following shall in no event be considered covered expenses nor will benefits described
9 in G.S. 135-45.6 through G.S. 135-45.11 be payable for:

10 ...
11 "(25) Charges for medical or surgical abortion procedures. As used in this
12 subdivision, "abortion" means the use or prescription of any instrument,
13 medicine, drug, or any other substance or device with intent to terminate the
14 pregnancy of a woman known to be pregnant, for reasons other than to save
15 the life or preserve the health of an unborn child, to remove a dead unborn
16 child, or to deliver an unborn child prematurely, by accepted medical
17 procedures in order to preserve the health of both the mother and the unborn
18 child. The term "abortion" does not apply to coverage for miscarriage."

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

