GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 85 SENATE BILL 79

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE REMAINS OF TERMINATED PREGNANCIES BE DISPOSED OF IN A MANNER LIMITED TO BURIAL, CREMATION, OR APPROVED HOSPITAL TYPE OF INCINERATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Commission for Health Services shall adopt rules to ensure that all facilities authorized to terminate pregnancies, and all medical or research laboratories or facilities to which the remains of terminated pregnancies are sent by facilities authorized to terminate pregnancies, shall dispose of the remains in a manner limited to burial, cremation, or approved hospital type of incineration. Rules adopted pursuant to this section shall provide that the obligation to dispose of the remains of terminated pregnancies by a facility authorized to terminate pregnancies ceases as to any remains of terminated pregnancies that the facility has sent to a medical or research laboratory or facility.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 4th day of May, 1989.