## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1991 SESSION

## CHAPTER 126 HOUSE BILL 372

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW RELATING TO THERAPEUTIC LEAVE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PATIENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 108A-62 reads as rewritten:

## "§ 108A-62. Therapeutic leave for medical assistance patients.

Patients at an intermediate care facility or skilled nursing facility may take up to 60 days of therapeutic leave in any 12-month period one calendar year without the facility losing reimbursement under the medical assistance program, provided, however, no more than 14-15 consecutive days may be taken without approval of the Department of Human Resources, Division of Medical Assistance. <u>Under no circumstances shall the number of Medicaid-covered therapeutic leave days exceed 60 days per patient per calendar year."</u>

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991, and applies to therapeutic leave taken on and after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 27th day of May, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives