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SENATE BILL 59*

Commerce Committee Substitute Adopted 2/24/99

Short Title: Mobile Pharmacies.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT TO PERMIT CERTAIN NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS TO OPERATE MOBILE PHARMACIES AND TO ALLOW SUCH PHARMACIES TO REGISTER ANNUALLY WITH THE BOARD OF PHARMACY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-85.3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(12) 'Mobile pharmacy' means a mobile unit that is either self-propelled or moveable by another vehicle that is self-propelled and from which prescription drugs are dispensed or compounded. Each mobile unit shall be considered a single pharmacy."

Section 2. G.S. 90-85.21 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(a1) A mobile pharmacy shall register annually with the Board in the manner prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, and the registration shall be renewed annually. A mobile pharmacy shall provide the Board with the address of every location from which prescription drugs will be dispensed by the mobile pharmacy. A mobile pharmacy shall not be required to pay a separate registration fee for each location but shall pay the annual registration fee prescribed in G.S. 90-85.24."

Section 3. This act applies only to mobile pharmacies operated by nonprofit corporations that dispense prescription drugs at no charge to persons whose family

1 income is less than two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level and do not
2 receive reimbursement for the cost of the dispensed prescription drugs from Medicare,
3 Medicaid, a private insurance company, or a governmental unit.

4 Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.