

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 118

Short Title: Medical Treatment by Internet/Toll-Free Number. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Forrester, Purcell; Carpenter, Carter, Dalton, Foxx, Hoyle,
Lucas, and Rand.

Referred to: Health Care.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD TO
3 REQUIRE ANY PERSON TREATING A PATIENT BY USE OF THE
4 INTERNET OR A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER TO OBTAIN A
5 LICENSE IN THIS STATE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-18 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 "(a1) No person shall treat or prescribe medication to a patient by use of the
9 Internet or a toll-free telephone number unless the person is licensed and registered in
10 this State as provided in this Article. This subsection shall not apply to an out-of-state
11 physician who is contacted by one of his or her regular patients for treatment by use of
12 the Internet or a toll-free phone line while the patient is temporarily in this State."

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