

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 569

Short Title: No Abortions Under State Health Plan. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Allran; Apodaca, Ballantine, Berger, Blake, Brock, Carpenter, Foxx, Garwood, Pittenger, Rucho, Shubert, Sloan, Smith, Stevens, and Tillman.

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

March 31, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COVERAGE FOR ABORTIONS UNDER THE
2 TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR
3 MEDICAL PLAN.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 135-40.1(16) reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 135-40.1. General definitions.**

8 As used in Parts 2 and 3 of this Article, the following terms have the meaning
9 specified as follows:

10 ...

11 (16) Pregnancy. – Shall include resulting ~~childbirth, miscarriage or~~
12 ~~abortion.~~ childbirth or miscarriage.

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14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 135-40.6(5)d. reads as rewritten:

15 "(5) Surgical Benefits. – The Plan pays the usual, customary and
16 reasonable charges for covered surgical services as follows:

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18 d. Maternity Care: Independent operative procedures in
19 connection with pregnancy, such as: manipulative obstetrical
20 delivery, delivery by Caesarean section, removal of ectopic
21 pregnancy, dilation and curettage. Benefits for manipulative
22 obstetrical delivery include use of forceps and/or episiotomy.
23 No benefits are provided for antepartum or postpartum care,
24 except for direct surgical procedures of delivery and surgical
25 treatment. No benefits are provided for medical or surgical
26 abortion procedures.

27 ..."

1 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 135-40.7 is amended by adding the following new
2 subdivision to read:

3 **"§ 135-40.7. General limitations and exclusions.**

4 The following shall in no event be considered covered expenses nor will benefits
5 described in G.S. 135-40.5 through G.S. 135-40.11 be payable for:

6 ...

7 (24) Charges for medical or surgical abortion procedures."

8 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.