GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

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SENATE DRS25054-LN-223 (03/13)

Short Title: Cancer Prevention & Treatment Act 2007. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Purcell.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF CANCER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Title. – This act shall be known and may be cited as the Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2007.

SECTION 2. N.C. Tobacco Quit Line. – There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated for the N.C. Tobacco Quit Line to help people interested in quitting smoking and to draw down federal and grant funds to provide nicotine treatment for all callers to the Quit Line.

SECTION 3. N.C. Cancer Purchase of Medical Care Fund. – There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated for uninsured cancer patients who do not qualify for other publicly funded health coverage.

SECTION 4. N.C. Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCCP). – There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

(1) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to increase access to screening for breast and cervical cancer; and

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(2) \$400,000 in each fiscal year for outreach efforts to inform women of services available under BCCCP.

SECTION 5. State Match for Cancer Education/Smoking Cessation. – There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall be used as a State match to draw down funds from the Legacy Foundation for public education programs aimed at cancer prevention and smoking cessation.

SECTION 6. North Carolina as N.C. Cancer Gold Standard Employer. – It is the intent of the General Assembly that North Carolina as a government employer shall meet the standards for cancer prevention and treatment in health coverage and tobacco-free work sites and schools by the end of the 2007 fiscal biennium.

SECTION 7. Sections 1 through 4 of this act become effective July 1, 2007. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.