

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 79

Short Title: Humane Disposal/Fetal Remains.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Guy; Basnight, Chalk, Conder, Ezzell, Kincaid, Martin of Pitt, Murphy, Parnell, Rauch, Smith, Speed, and Staton.

Referred to: Human Resources.

January 31, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE REMAINS OF TERMINATED PREGNANCIES
BE DISPOSED OF IN A HUMANE MANNER LIMITED TO BURIAL,
CREMATION, OR APPROVED HOSPITAL TYPE OF INCINERATION.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Commission for Health Services shall adopt rules to ensure that all facilities authorized to terminate pregnancies and laboratories to which the remains of terminated pregnancies are sent by facilities authorized to terminate pregnancies shall dispose of the remains in a humane manner, limited to burial, cremation, or approved hospital type of incineration. Rules adopted pursuant to this section shall provide that the obligation to dispose of the remains of terminated pregnancies by a facility authorized to terminate pregnancies ceases as to any remains of terminated pregnancies that the facility has sent to a laboratory for diagnostic evaluation.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.