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HOUSE BILL 1160

Short Title: Health Ins./Uniform Provider Credentialing. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Alexander, C. Wilson (Primary Sponsors); and  
Harrington.

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Referred to: Insurance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR UNIFORM PROVIDER CREDENTIALING BY  
3 HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Article 3 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding the following new section to read:

7 "**§ 58-3-230. Uniform provider credentialing.**

8 (a) An insurer that provides a health benefit plan shall maintain a process to  
9 assess and verify the qualifications of a licensed health care practitioner, or applicant for  
10 licensure as a health care practitioner, within 60 days of receipt of a completed provider  
11 application form approved by the Commissioner.

12 (b) The Commissioner shall by rule adopt a uniform provider credentialing  
13 application form that will provide credentialing entities with the information necessary  
14 to adequately assess and verify the qualifications of an applicant. No insurer that  
15 provides a health benefit plan may require an applicant to submit information that is not  
16 required by the uniform provider credentialing application form.

17 (c) As used in this section the terms 'health benefit plan' and 'insurer' shall have  
18 the meaning provided under G.S. 58-3-167.

19 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2001.