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SENATE BILL 876  
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Short Title: Controlled Substance/Physician Registration.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS WHO DISPENSE THE CONTROLLED  
2 SUBSTANCE BUPRENORPHINE FOR THE TREATMENT OF OPIATE  
3 DEPENDENCE TO REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
4 HUMAN SERVICES.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-101 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 "(a1) Any physician who prescribes or dispenses Buprenorphine for the treatment  
9 of opiate dependence shall annually register with the Department, in accordance with  
10 rules adopted by the Commission. In the application for registration under this  
11 subsection, the applicant shall document plans to ensure that patients are directly  
12 engaged or referred to a qualified provider to receive counseling and case management,  
13 as appropriate, and shall acknowledge the application of federal confidentiality  
14 regulations to patient information. Applicant plans for referral to appropriate services  
15 shall be a written document and may include either an executed memorandum of  
16 agreement, contractual arrangement, or linkage agreement with qualified providers. The  
17 Department shall provide assistance upon request to physicians registered under this  
18 subsection to identify and establish linkages with qualified providers of counseling and  
19 case management. The Department shall provide the North Carolina Medical Board  
20 with any evidence of noncompliance with this subsection by a qualified physician prior  
21 to taking action to rescind the physician's registration to prescribe or dispense  
22 Buprenorphine for the treatment of opiate dependency."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2003.