

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE DRS55310-SHz-13A\* (04/04)**

Short Title: DHHS Evaluate Telemonitoring. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Dannelly, Allran, Bingham, and Malone.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO EVALUATE THE USE OF TELEMONITORING EQUIPMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall evaluate the use of telemonitoring equipment as a tool to improve the health of home-based individuals through increased monitoring and responsiveness, and resulting in increased stabilization rates and decreased hospitalization rates. The evaluation must include a representative number of older adults. The Department shall report to the Study Commission on Aging by August 1, 2007. The report shall include findings and recommendations on the cost-effectiveness of telemonitoring and the benefits to individuals and healthcare providers.

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.