



1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly supports the recommendations of the  
3 Stroke Advisory Council, as approved by the Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke  
4 Prevention Task Force. To this end, certain of the Stroke Advisory Council's  
5 Preliminary Findings and Recommendations for an NC System of Stroke Care, January  
6 2007, shall be carried out as follows:

7           (1) The Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force  
8 shall work with health care providers across the State to establish a  
9 system of regionally distributed and locally determined stroke care  
10 networks for the State.

11           (2) The Stroke Advisory Council shall include in its comprehensive plan  
12 for 2008 a process for identifying and disseminating information about  
13 primary stroke centers certified by the Joint Commission on  
14 Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) or other  
15 nationally recognized accrediting body in order to assist in the  
16 configuration and operation of regional systems of stroke care.

17       **SECTION 2.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
18 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of four  
19 hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of four  
20 hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall  
21 be used to match existing federal funds for the NC Collaborative Stroke Registry to  
22 increase North Carolina hospital participation in the registry, particularly those hospitals  
23 in high stroke/low resource areas of the State.

24       **SECTION 2.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
25 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of one  
26 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of  
27 one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These  
28 funds shall be allocated to the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Branch to contract  
29 with entities such as Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) and NCOEMS to work  
30 with the North Carolina Collaborative Stroke Registry and the American Stroke  
31 Association to carry out professional workforce development, training, and  
32 communications initiatives among hospitals, emergency medical services responders,  
33 911 operators, and other stakeholders.

34       **SECTION 2.(c)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
35 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of three  
36 hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of three  
37 hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall  
38 be allocated to the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Branch for the implementation  
39 of public awareness campaigns and communication strategies in partnership with the  
40 American Stroke Association on stroke signs and symptoms and the importance of  
41 immediate response.

42       **SECTION 2.(d)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
43 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of ten  
44 thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of ten thousand

1 dollars (\$10,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated to the  
2 Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Branch in partnership with the American Stroke  
3 Association, the Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence, and the North Carolina  
4 Hospital Association to conduct a follow-up survey and gap analysis designed to  
5 provide a current assessment of stroke prevention and treatment services in the State.  
6 The purpose of these funds is to assist in the development of a comprehensive stroke  
7 care system plan.

8         **SECTION 2.(e)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
9 Justus-Warren Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force the sum of fifty  
10 thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand  
11 dollars (\$50,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. These funds shall be allocated for  
12 operations of the Stroke Advisory Council.

13         **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2007. The  
14 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.