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SENATE DRS75109-LN-118 (2/21)

Short Title:	Practice of Medicine/Surgery Defined.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Purcell.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DEFINE THE TERM "SURGERY" FOR PURPOSES OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new section to read:

"**§ 90-2.2. Surgery defined.**

For purposes of this Article, the term "surgery" means the diagnosis or therapeutic treatment of conditions or disease processes by any instrument causing localized alteration or transposition of live human tissue or organs including but not limited to lasers, ultrasound, ionizing radiation, scalpels, probes, and needles in which human tissue or organs are cut, burned, vaporized, frozen, sutured, probed, manipulated by closed reduction for major dislocations and fractures, or otherwise altered by any mechanical thermal, light-based, electromagnetic, or chemical means."

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