

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 143*

Short Title: Strengthen Disaster Planning/LTC Facilities. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Pierce, Bordsen, Mobley (Primary Sponsors); M. Alexander, Allred, Bryant, England, Faison, E. Floyd, Hall, Harrison, Hurley, Lucas, Luebke, McLawhorn, Tolson, and Weiss.

Referred to: Aging, if favorable, Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION,
3 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, TO REVIEW
4 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DISABILITY AND ELDERLY EMERGENCY
5 MANAGEMENT (DEEM) TASK FORCE AND TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO
6 STRENGTHEN DISASTER PLANNING AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR
7 LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH
8 CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** The Division of Health Service Regulation, Department of Health
11 and Human Services, shall review recommendations from the Disability and Elderly
12 Emergency Management (DEEM) Task Force, and shall take appropriate action to strengthen
13 disaster planning and disaster preparedness for long-term care facilities. The Division of
14 Health Service Regulation shall report findings, action taken, and any further recommendations
15 to the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging and the Joint Select Committee on
16 Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management Recovery on or before March 1, 2010.

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

