

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1045

Short Title: DOC Audits.

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Sponsors: Representative Flaherty.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT HOSPITALS PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE TO  
2 INMATES IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION  
3 SHALL PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT TO AUDIT INMATE RECORDS  
4 WITHOUT CHARGING A FEE.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. Article 1 of Chapter 148 of the General Statutes is amended by  
8 adding a new section to read:

9 "**§ 148-10.2. Hospitals may not charge for audits.**

10 Any hospital in this State that provides medical treatment to an inmate in the custody  
11 of the Department of Correction shall permit the Department of Correction or any of its  
12 auditing contract agents to conduct audits of the medical records of any such inmate  
13 upon request. The hospital may not charge a fee for allowing an audit or for providing  
14 necessary copies of bills involved in an audit, and may not impose any unreasonable  
15 conditions or restrictions upon the auditing contractor's access to inmate records. If the  
16 audit reveals that the Department was overcharged for services to inmates, the hospital  
17 shall provide the Department with the appropriate refund."

18 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.