

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SENATE BILL 768
Finance Committee Substitute Adopted 5/17/07
House Committee Substitute Favorable 7/24/07**

Short Title: Temp. DHHS Exempt/Recreation Therapy Act. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 15, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA RECREATIONAL THERAPY
2 LICENSURE ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PERSONS EMPLOYED UNDER
3 THE DIRECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
4 SERVICES UNTIL JULY 1, 2010.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90C-34 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 90C-34. Persons and practices not affected.**

8 Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prevent or restrict:

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- 10 (1) Any person qualified, registered, certified, or licensed to engage in
11 another profession or occupation or any person working under the
12 supervision of a person registered, certified, or licensed to engage in
13 another profession or occupation in this State from performing work
14 incidental to the practice of that profession or occupation as long as
15 that person does not represent himself or herself as a recreational
16 therapy assistant or recreational therapist or the work to be recreational
17 therapy or therapeutic recreation as defined by this Chapter.
- 18 (2) Any person employed as a therapeutic recreation specialist, therapeutic
19 recreation assistant, or recreational therapist or a recreational therapy
20 assistant by the government of the United States, if he or she provides
21 therapeutic recreation or recreational therapy solely under the direction
22 and control of the organization by which he or she is employed.
- 23 (3) Any person pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in
24 recreational therapy or therapeutic recreation at an accredited college
25 or university that meets the minimum academic requirements for a
26 major or specialization in recreational therapy as defined by the rules
27 and regulations of the Board.

- 1 (4) Any person fulfilling the supervised fieldwork experience required for
2 a degree and for licensure, as defined by the rules of the Board, if the
3 person is designated by a title that clearly indicates his or her status as
4 a student.
- 5 (5) Any person employed as a therapeutic recreation specialist, therapeutic
6 recreation assistant, recreational therapist, or recreational therapy
7 assistant by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human
8 Services, if he or she provides therapeutic recreation or recreational
9 therapy solely under the direction and control of the Department."

10 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and expires June 30,
11 2010.