

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1161

Short Title: Brain Disorder/Health Insurance.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Alexander; Colton, Easterling, Gardner, H. Hunter, and Ives.

Referred to: Insurance.

April 19, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT BIOLOGICALLY BASED BRAIN DISEASES ARE
2 PHYSICAL ILLNESSES FOR PURPOSES OF HEALTH INSURANCE
3 COVERAGE.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. The Commissioner of Insurance shall ensure that biologically
7 based brain diseases are considered physical illnesses for purposes of all health
8 insurance coverage under policies issued in this State. Biologically based brain diseases
9 include schizophrenia, manic-depressive or bi-polar disorder, severe and persistent
10 depression or uni-polar disorder, panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, and
11 Tourette's disease.

12 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993, and applies to coverage for
13 policies issued on or after that date.