

# HB 415 (Addiction Fraud Ethics) 3.20

**Bill Number:** [HB 415](#)

**Bill Name:** Stop Addiction Fraud Ethics Act of 2023

**Bill Sponsors:** Reeder, Chesser, K. Baker

**Movement:** Filed

**Executive Summary:** Requires truth in marketing for addiction recovery facilities and not misleading potential patients.

## Detailed Summary:

- Requires truth in marketing for treatment facilities and having the following info available in plain language:
  - Information about the types of services and methods of services provided or used.
  - Average length of stay at the treatment facility.
  - The facilities name and brand.
  - A brief summary of financial relationships of the facility.
- Distinguish between inpatient and outpatient facilities in marketing.
- It would be unlawful for any treatment provider, treatment facility, or recovery residence to do the following:
  - Provide false or misleading info.
  - Make a false or misleading statement about the providers status as in network or misconstrue their qualifications.
- It would be unlawful for any provider to engage in patient brokering or kickbacks during treatment.

# HB 421 (Medicaid Doula) 3.21

**Bill Number:** [HB 421](#)

**Bill Name:** Medicaid Coverage for Doula Services

**Bill Sponsors:** Hawkins, von Haefen

**Movement:** Filed

**Executive Summary:** Would study doula services in NC and add coverage for the state health plan.

## Detailed Summary:

- DHHS would be directed to research the following:
  - Availability of doulas and doula services in NC.

- The demographic and training background of doula providers.
- The standards for the attestation, training, and certification of doulas.
- Practical options for health benefit plan policies to include coverage for incentive the use of doula support services during pregnancy, labor, delivery, and postpartum.
- After completion of the survey, partner with childbirth education programs to set standards for the attestation, training, and certification of doulas in NC. They must also:
  - Develop doula services coverage and reimbursement options and strategies for commercial issuers.
  - Develop bill standards for doula services.
  - Create a statewide directory of doulas.
- DHHS must also submit a state plan amendment to CMS to cover doula services and give \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds to make necessary changes to enrollments.
- More studies would be completed by DHHS on the impact of these new services on NC.

## HB 425 (Counterfeit Pills) 3.21

**Bill Number:** [HB 425](#)

**Bill Name:** Stop Counterfeit Pills Act

**Bill Sponsors:** Blackwell, Sasser, Greene, Miller

**Movement:** Filed

**Executive Summary:** Would criminalize possession of equipment or machinery to make pills of a controlled substance.

### Detailed Summary:

- Would make it a class D felony for any person do possess any of the following:
  - Having tablet making machines, equipment, or chemicals with reasonable cause it may be used to manufacture a controlled substance.

## HB 439 (RBG Act) 3.22

**Bill Number:** [HB 439](#), SB 353

**Bill Name:** RBG Act

**Bill Sponsors:** von Haefen, Butler, Prather, Cervania

**Movement:** Referred to Rules

**Executive Summary:** Would remove current abortion restrictions and codify Roe v. Wade.

**Detailed Summary:**

- Would redact all current law on abortion to make all abortion legal before and after fetal viability.
- Would codify Roe v. Wade protections.

## HB 450 (Pharmacist Reimbursement) 3.22

**Bill Number:** [HB 450](#)

**Bill Name:** Pharmacist Provided Health Care Services

**Bill Sponsors:** Sasser, Ross, Howard, Blackwell

**Movement:** Referred to Health

**Executive Summary:** Would reimburse pharmacists when they provide services to patients including dispensing drugs that we are "within their scope".

**Detailed Summary:**

- Classifies the following as health care services provided by a pharmacist:
  - Testing, treatment, or diagnosis of a health condition, illness, injury, or disease.
  - Dispensing drugs, medical devices, medical appliances, or medical goods.
- Health benefit plans would be required to reimburse a pharmacist at the same rate of other advanced practice or mid-level health care providers, such as nurse practitioners.

## SB 336 (Informed Consent) 3.20

**Bill Number:** [SB 336](#)

**Bill Name:** Informed Consent Certain Procedures

**Bill Sponsors:** Krawiec, Galey, Adcock

**Movement:** Referred to Rules

**Executive Summary:** Would require physicians to get specific consent from patients for a pelvic or rectal examination for anesthetized patients.

**Detailed Summary:**

- Would not allow rectal or pelvic examinations on anesthetized or unconscious patients unless the following conditions are met:
  - Consent is given by the patient or their parent prior to the examination

- The patient is incapable of providing consent and the examination is necessary for diagnostic or treatment purposes
- There is an emergency and it is impractical to obtain consent and the exam is needed for treatment purposes.
- To get consent the provider must do all of the following:
  - Obtain informed consent from the patient verbally.
  - Provide the patient or guardian with a written or electronic document that will be signed by the patient and includes the type of examination as well as the provider/providers names.
  - The provider must also sign the document.
- If a provider does not consent before the examination, they will be guilty of a Class A1 misdemeanor.

## SB 333 (Surgical Tech) 3.20

**Bill Number:** [SB 333](#)

**Bill Name:** Establish Surgical Technology Standards

**Bill Sponsors:** Burgin, Corbin, Krawiec

**Movement:** Referred to Rules

**Executive Summary:** Would create education requirements for surgical technicians.

### Detailed Summary:

- Surgical technologists will be required to have one of the following:
  - Successfully completing a nationally accredited educational program
  - Successfully completing an training program from the US Army, Navy, or Aire Force.
  - Documents provided to be employed and practice in a hospital an ASC
- A hospital must practice diligence when employing surgical technicians and make effort to find technicians that satisfy the requirements above.
- These requirements also apply to ASCs.