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HOUSE BILL DRH10139-MG-51 (02/13)

Short Title: Mandate Wheelchairs at Outpatient Facilities. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Setzer, Earle, and Howard (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT REQUIRING AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS AND OTHER  
3 OUTPATIENT FACILITIES TO MAINTAIN AT LEAST ONE WHEELCHAIR ON THE  
4 PREMISES FOR PATIENT USE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Article 6 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by  
7 adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 131E-147.5. Wheelchair requirement.**

9 Each ambulatory surgical center licensed under this Article shall maintain at least one  
10 wheelchair on the premises for patient use."

11 **SECTION 2.** Article 16 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by  
12 adding a new section to read:

13 "**§ 131E-266.5. Wheelchair requirement.**

14 Each of the following shall maintain at least one wheelchair on the premises for patient use:

- 15 (1) Outpatient departments, including a portion of a hospital operated as an  
16 outpatient department.  
17 (2) Oncology clinics.  
18 (3) Kidney disease treatment centers."

19 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2017.

