



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 467: Cleveland County Coroner/ME Recommendations

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary I	Date:	June 10, 2015
Introduced by:	Rep. Hastings	Prepared by:	Theresa Matula
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SUMMARY: *House Bill 467 allows the elected Coroner of Cleveland County to appoint medical examiners in Cleveland County. The PCS amends who the Coroner may appoint.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S266, as introduced by Sen. Daniel, which is currently in Senate Re-ref to Health Care. If fav, re-ref to Judiciary I.]

CURRENT LAW:

Under G.S. 130A-382, the Chief Medical Examiner has authority to appoint one or more county medical examiners in each county for three year terms. In appointing medical examiners, the Chief Medical Examiner is required to give preference to physicians licensed to practice medicine in this State but may also appoint licensed physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, coroners, or emergency medical technician paramedics.

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 467 is a local bill that authorizes the Coroner in Cleveland County, rather than the Chief Medical Examiner, to appoint medical examiners in Cleveland County. The bill provides that the Coroner of Cleveland County must give preference to physicians when appointing medical examiners, but allows appointment of the following professionals: licensed physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, coroners, assistant coroners, and emergency medical technician-paramedics. The PCS adds "assistant coroners" to the list of professionals that may be appointed but removes the option to appoint "individuals he or she otherwise deems qualified."

EFFECTIVE DATE:

The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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