



HOUSE BILL 208: Occupational Therapy Choice of Provider.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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Analysis of:	S.L. 2017-24		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2017-24 amends G.S. 58-50-30 to allow insureds to receive insurance-covered occupational therapy from the licensed occupational therapist of their choice.*

The act becomes effective October 1, 2017, and applies to health benefits contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 58-50-30 requires insurers to pay for services rendered by certain, defined health care providers chosen by the insured, regardless of any limitations in the insurance contract between the parties.

BILL ANALYSIS: S.L. 2017-24 adds licensed occupational therapists to the list of providers in G.S. 58-50-30(b). This change allows insureds to see the occupational therapist of their choice and still have their insurers provide coverage.

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