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HOUSE BILL 50: Allow Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for Traumatic Brain Injury and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.

Committee:		Date:	January 6, 2020
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Jessica Boney Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	S.L. 2019-175		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2019-175 enacts the North Carolina Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Treatment and Recovery Act of 2019. It provides that any veteran residing in North Carolina and diagnosed with traumatic brain injury or posttraumatic stress disorder by an authorized medical professional may receive hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment in the State.*

This act became effective October 1, 2019.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 titles the act the North Carolina Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Treatment and Recovery Act of 2019.

Sections 2(a) and 2(c) are reserved for future codification.

Section 2(b) defines "authorized medical professional", "hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment", and "veteran." This section provides that any veteran residing in North Carolina diagnosed with TBI or PTSD by an authorized medical professional may receive hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment in the State. Authorized medical professionals who prescribe hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment to a veteran for the treatment of TBI or PTSD must do so in a manner that complies with the standard approved treatment protocol for the therapy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective October 1, 2019.

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