



2025-2026 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 576:

Department of Health and Human Services

Revisions, Sec. 5.1:

Authorize Magistrates to Accept for Filing Petitions for Adult Protective Services Emergency Orders After Business Hours and to Hear Ex Parte Motions Regarding the Petitions When a District Court Judge is Unavailable

Analysis of: S.L. 2025-27, Sec. 5.1

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Section 5.1 of S.L. 2025-27 (House Bill 576) allows for a magistrate to accept the filing of a petition for an order authorizing the provision of emergency services to a disabled adult in emergency situations when the office of the clerk is closed. The chief district court judge may authorize one or more magistrates to hear motions and issue ex parte orders for the provision of emergency services to disabled adults outside of the clerk's business hours.

This section becomes effective November 1, 2025, and applies to petitions filed under G.S. 108A-106 seeking an order ex parte for the provision of emergency services filed on or after this date.

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