HOUSE BILL 222

Short Title:	Establish SUDEP Awareness Week.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Riddell, Kidwell, Graham, and Moss (Primary Sponsors). *For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*	
Referred to:	State Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	

March 8, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT CREATING THE SHANNON LEIGH ADCOCK AND STEVEN ANTHONY CHRISTOS MEMORIAL ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SECOND WEEK IN NOVEMBER AS SUDEP AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, "SUDEP" is the sudden, unexpected death of a person with epilepsy, who was otherwise considered healthy; and

Whereas, each year, more than one out of 1,000 people with epilepsy die from SUDEP; and

Whereas, uncontrolled seizures increase the risk of SUDEP to more than one out of 150; and

Whereas, November is observed as National Epilepsy Awareness Month throughout the nation; and

Whereas, during National Epilepsy Awareness Month, it is important to also bring awareness of SUDEP; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 103-16. SUDEP Awareness Week.**

The week beginning on the second Sunday in November of each year is designated as Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) Awareness Week in North Carolina."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.