

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 701

Short Title: Workers' Comp. Revision.

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Sponsors: Representatives Blue; H. Hunter, S. Thompson, and Fitch.

Referred to: Judiciary.

March 20, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "INJURY" FOR PURPOSES OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 97-2(6) reads as rewritten:

"(6) Injury. 'Injury and personal injury' shall mean only injury by accident arising out of and in the course of the employment, and shall not include a disease in any form, except where it results naturally and unavoidably from the accident. With respect to back injuries and injuries to extremities of the body, however, where injury to the back or extremity arises out of and in the course of the employment and is the direct result of a specific traumatic incident of the work assigned, 'injury by accident' shall be construed to include any disabling physical injury to the back or extremity arising out of and causally related to such incident. Injury shall include breakage or damage to eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, or other prosthetic devices which function as part of the body; provided, however, that eyeglasses and hearing aids will not be replaced, repaired, or otherwise compensated for unless injury to them is incidental to a compensable injury."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.