GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

Short Title: Commercial Arbitration Amend. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Odom; and Rand.

Referred to: Judiciary.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL

ARBITRATION ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF

ARBITRATION AWARDS PURSUANT TO THE ACT ENTERED OUTSIDE

NORTH CAROLINA AND TO GIVE A PARTY THE RIGHT TO BE

REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY AT A PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO THE

ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1. G.S. 1-567.31(b) reads as rewritten:

- "(b) The provisions of this Article Article, except G.S. 1-567.38 and G.S. 1-567.39, G.S. 1-567.39, and 1-567.65, apply only if the place of arbitration is in this State."
 - Section 2. G.S. 1-567.48 is amended to read as follows:

"§ 1-567.48. Equal treatment of parties. parties; representation by attorney.

- (a) The parties shall be treated with equality and each party shall be given a full opportunity to present its case.
- (b) A party has the right to be represented by an attorney at any proceeding or hearing under this Article. This right cannot be waived."
- Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to proceedings initiated on or after that date.