

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

**SESSION LAW 2003-174
HOUSE BILL 1181**

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE REINSPECTION OF WORKPLACES WHERE
WILLFUL SERIOUS VIOLATIONS HAVE BEEN FOUND.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 95-136(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) In order to carry out the purposes of this Article, the Commissioner or Director, or their duly authorized agents, upon presenting appropriate credentials to the owner, operator, or agent in charge, are authorized:

- (1) To enter without delay, and at any reasonable time, any factory, plant, establishment, construction site, or other area, work place or environment where work is being performed by an employee of an employer; and
- (2) To inspect and investigate during regular working hours, and at other reasonable times, and within reasonable limits, and in a reasonable manner, any such place of employment and all pertinent conditions, processes, structures, machines, apparatus, devices, equipment, and materials therein, and to question privately any such employer, owner, operator, agent or employee.
- (3) The Commissioner or Director, or their duly authorized agents, shall reinspect any place of employment where a willful serious violation was found to exist during the previous inspection and a final Order has been entered."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 2004, and applies to all inspections conducted on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5th day of June, 2003.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 10:04 a.m. this 12th day of June, 2003