

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SENATE BILL 882
House Committee Substitute Favorable 7/17/07**

Short Title: Industrial Comm. Investigators/Sworn LEOs.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO EMPLOY
3 SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO PERFORM FRAUD
4 INVESTIGATIONS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 97-88.2(b) reads as rewritten:

7 "(b) The Commission shall:

- 8 (1) Perform investigations regarding all cases of suspected fraud and all
9 violations related to workers' compensation claims, by or against
10 insurers or self-funded employers, and refer possible criminal
11 violations to the appropriate prosecutorial authorities;
12 (2) Conduct administrative violation proceedings; and
13 (3) Assess and collect civil penalties and restitution.

14 The Commission may employ sworn law enforcement officers duly appointed and
15 certified through the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards
16 Commission to conduct the investigations mandated by this subsection."

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective September 1, 2007.