

April 4, 2001

S 880. WORKERS' COMP/HEALTH & DISABILITY REIMBURSEMENT. *TO OVERTURN THE CASE DECIDED BY THE 2000 COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA ENTITLED HANSEN V. CRYSTAL FORD-MERCURY, INC., BY PROVIDING THAT INSURERS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS, DISABILITY INCOME PLANS, OR ANY OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE ARE NOT REAL PARTIES IN INTEREST IN ANY PROCEEDING OR SETTLEMENT UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT AND TO PROHIBIT INSURERS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FROM OFFSETTING AGAINST PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT ANY CHARGE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES UNLESS THE SPECIFIC MEDICAL CHARGES WERE FOUND TO BE COMPENSABLE ACCORDING TO A FINAL ADJUDICATION UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT OR A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT UNDER THE ACT APPROVED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.* Amends GS 97-90.1 and creates GS 58-50-57 with provisions as title indicates. Amends GS 97-92 to provide that Industrial Comm'n records relating to accidents, injuries, and settlements are not public records under GS 132-1. Makes conforming amendment to GS 58-51-5(a).

Intro. by Soles.

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S 880. WORKERS' COMP/HEALTH & DISABILITY REIMBURSEMENT. Intro. 4/4/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Senate committee substitute is identical to House committee substitute for H 1045, adopted 4/18/01.