March 17, 2003

H 527. ADJUST WORKERS' COMP. AWARD SCHEDULE. TO ADJUST AND UPDATE THE AWARD SCHEDULE FOR INJURED EMPLOYEES SEEKING COMPENSATION UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT. Amends GS 97-31 by increasing limits on workers' compensation awards as follows: serious facial or head disfigurement - \$50,000 (was, \$20,000); serious bodily disfigurement other than loss of a member of the body - \$25,000 (was, \$10,000); and loss of or permanent injury to bodily organs - \$50,000 (was, \$20,000). Effective for claims pending or in litigation on or after Oct. 1, 2003.

Intro. by Goodwin.

Ref. to Judiciary II

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