April 7, 2003

H 892. WORKERS COMP./INTERSTATE CARRIER DRIVERS. TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMON LAW DETERMINES WHETHER A DRIVER OF A TRUCK OR TRACTOR TRAILER OF AN INTERSTATE MOTOR CARRIER IS AN EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT. Amends GS 97-2(2) (the definition of an "employee" for purposes of workers' compensation) to provide expressly that the common law must be used in determining whether a driver of a truck or tractor trailer for a motor carrier licensed by the Interstate Commerce Comm'n is an employee of the carrier for purposes of the Act. Applicable to any claim arising on or after Oct. 1, 2003.

Intro. by Saunders.

Ref. to Judiciary II	GS 97
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April 30, 2003

H 892. WORKERS COMP./INTERSTATE CARRIER DRIVERS. Intro. 4/7/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes amendment to GS 97-2(2) in original bill and replaces it with new section GS 97-19.1. Provides that common law determines driver's status as employee or independent contractor. Also provides that contractors who contract with individual drivers will be liable for payment of compensation for injury to the independent contractor if the contractor has not secured workers' comp insurance to cover his employees and subcontractors. Allows contractors to insure all employees and independent contractors in a blanket policy, and allows contractor to require individual drivers to reimburse contractor for the cost of coverage. Amends title accordingly.

June 4, 2003

**H 892. WORKERS COMP./CARRIER DRIVERS (NEW).** Intro. 4/07/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes act effective as to intrastate as well as interstate carrier industry.

June 24, 2003

SL 2003-235 (H 892). WORKERS COMPENSATION/CARRIER DRIVERS. AN ACT TO DETERMINE WHETHER A DRIVER OF A TRUCK, TRACTOR, OR TRUCK TRACTOR TRAILER OF AN INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE MOTOR CARRIER IS AN EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT AND TO DEFINE THE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE ACT FOR SUCH DRIVERS. Summarized in Daily Bulletin 4/7/03, 4/30/03, and 6/4/03. Enacted June 19, 2003. Effective June 19, 2003, and applies to any claim arising on or after October 1, 2003.