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**S 513.** ADJUST WORKERS' COMP. AWARD SCHEDULE. TO ADJUST AND UPDATE THE AWARDS UNDER THE SCHEDULE OF INJURIES FOR EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT. Amends GS 97-31 to provide a maximum award of (1) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the average weekly wages during 95 weeks for serious facial or head disfigurement; (2) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the average weekly wages during 48 weeks for serious bodily disfigurement for which no compensation is payable under any other provision of GS 97-31; and (3) sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the average weekly wages during 95 weeks for the loss of or permanent injury to any important external or internal organ or part of the body for which no compensation is payable under any other provision of G.S. 97-31.

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