

March 7, 2005

**H 475. EXTEND DISABILITY STANDARD CHGE. TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHANGE TO THE ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS FOR LONG-TERM DISABILITY BENEFITS CONTAINED IN THE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN.** Amends SL 2004-78 to change effective date of section 4 from August 1, 2005, to August 1, 2006. Section 4 amended GS 135-106(a) to change eligibility for long-term disability benefits from the standard of "mentally or physically incapacitated for the further performance of duty" to "unable to perform any occupation or employment commensurate to the beneficiary's or participant's education, training, or experience, which is available in the same commuting area for State employees or within the same local school administrative unit for school personnel, without an adverse impact on the beneficiary's or participant's career status, and in which the beneficiary or participant can be expected to earn not less than sixty-five percent" of that beneficiary's or participant's predisability earnings.

**Intro. by Ross.**

Ref. to Rules

GS 135