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S 975. WORKERS' COMP/DURATION OF TOTAL DISABILITY. Filed 3/25/09. *RELATING TO THE DURATION OF THE COMPENSATION FOR TOTAL DISABILITY UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.*

Amends GS 97-29 to add new subsection (b) to provide that an employee entitled to total disability compensation under the workers' compensation program will continue to receive services either until the employee reaches 65 years of age or until the date that is 300 weeks from the date of injury, whichever period is longer. Provides that in no case will the employee receive compensation for a period shorter than the periods specified for certain types of impairments in GS 97-31. The act is effective when it becomes law and applies to claims filed on or after the effective date.

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