

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 263 (First Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Workers' Comp./Nonresident Aliens

**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Odom

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Yes ( )      No (X)      No Estimate Available ( )

*No Fiscal Impact Expected*

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT & PROGRAM AFFECTED:** North Carolina Industrial Commission

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Applies to workers' compensation awards on or after the date the bill becomes law.

**BILL SUMMARY:** Deletes provision in GS 97-38 that limits workers' compensation awards to nonresident aliens (except those from Canada). The effect of the bill is to allow all nonresident aliens the same rights as U.S. residents under the state's Workers' Compensation Act including the amount of the wage benefit claim and survivors benefits. Applies to workers' compensation awards on or after date the bill becomes law.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

1. The North Carolina Industrial Commission, who administers the state's Workers' Compensation Act, estimates that expanding the rights for nonresident aliens will have an insignificant impact on the administration of claims. The Commission estimates for the period 1976 through June 1996 that there were 139 workers' compensation cases affecting nonresident aliens; of those cases, only 14 were estimated to be death benefit claims.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

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