

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 40
SENATE BILL 163

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE AND THE RATE
BUREAU TO DEVELOP A PROPOSED PLAN FOR WORKERS'
COMPENSATION CARRIERS LOSS CONTROL SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. All insurers writing workers' compensation insurance in this State and groups that self-insure their workers' compensation liabilities in this State, shall file with the Commissioner by October 1, 1993, their loss control and accident prevention consultation services plans.

Sec. 2. The North Carolina Rate Bureau and the Commissioner of Insurance shall jointly develop a plan for loss control and accident prevention consultation services that requires all insurers writing workers' compensation insurance in this State to provide or make available services to their insureds regarding workplace safety, loss control, and accident prevention. The Commissioner and the Rate Bureau shall, in developing their plan, give due consideration to the plans filed by the workers' compensation carriers and the groups that self-insure their workers' compensation liabilities and may incorporate features of the carriers' and groups' plans in their plan.

The plan shall address the types of services to be provided or made available and may distinguish the prescribed services by the hazards of the industry, employer size, and other relevant factors.

The plan shall be filed by February 1, 1994, with the Legislative Research Commission's committee studying fire and occupational safety issues, if then in existence; otherwise, the recommended plan shall be filed with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations by February 1, 1994.

Sec. 3. The purpose of this legislation is to provide a plan for review only. Approval of or acquiescence in the plan by the Legislative Research Commission or its committees or the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations does not make the plan effective; provided, however, that this legislation shall not be construed as impairing the authority of the Rate Bureau and Commissioner to make the plan effective pursuant to Chapter 58 of the General Statutes.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5th day of May, 1993.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives