

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 420
HOUSE BILL 987

AN ACT TO ALLOW AN EMPLOYEE OF A BUYER WHO IS COVERED BY
WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE TO BRING A PRODUCT
LIABILITY ACTION AGAINST THE MANUFACTURER OF THE PRODUCT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 99B-2(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) A claimant who is a buyer, as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code, of the product involved, or who is a member or a guest of a member of the family of the buyer, a guest of the buyer, or an employee of the buyer ~~not covered by workers' compensation insurance~~ may bring a product liability action directly against the manufacturer of the product involved for breach of implied warranty; and the lack of privity of contract shall not be grounds for the dismissal of such action."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989, and shall apply to claims for relief arising on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 22nd day of June, 1989.