

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 439  
SENATE BILL 468

AN ACT TO EXPEDITE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF EMPLOYEES WHO  
FILE CLAIMS FOR ASBESTOSIS OR SILICOSIS PURSUANT TO THE  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 97-72 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

"(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, the Industrial Commission, in its discretion, may designate a qualified physician who is not a member of the advisory medical committee to perform an examination of an employee who has filed a claim for benefits for asbestosis or silicosis. This physician shall file his reports in the same manner a member of the advisory medical committee files reports; and these reports shall be deemed reports of the advisory medical committee."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to all awards determined by a commissioner or a deputy commissioner on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of June, 1989.