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**HOUSE BILL 1571  
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Short Title: LRC Study Contributory Negligence.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO  
3 STUDY THE DOCTRINE OF CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE AND JOINT  
4 AND SEVERAL LIABILITY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission shall study the doctrine  
7 of contributory negligence and consider whether it should continue to be applied in the  
8 courts of this State. In conducting its study, the Commission shall consider whether  
9 comparative negligence or another method for determining tort liability would be more  
10 appropriate for this State. The Commission shall also consider joint and several  
11 liability. The Commission may make recommendations on whether contributory  
12 negligence should continue to be applied in this State and recommendations regarding  
13 joint and several liability, including any proposed legislation for consideration by the  
14 2007 General Assembly, Regular Session 2008, or by the 2009 General Assembly.

15 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim  
16 report to the 2007 General Assembly, Regular Session 2008, and shall make its final  
17 report to the 2009 General Assembly upon its convening.

18 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.