

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 995**

Short Title: Workers' Comp/Add to Schedule of Injuries. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Berger of Franklin; Boseman and Kinnaird.

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Referred to: Judiciary I (Civil).

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March 20, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SCHEDULE OF INJURIES FOR AWARDS OF  
2 WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES AFFECTING SPECIFIC PARTS  
3 OF THE BODY TO ADD A MAXIMUM AWARD FOR SERIOUS INJURIES TO  
4 THE BRAIN, HEART, OR REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 97-31 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

8 "(23a) In case of serious injury to the brain, heart, or reproductive organs for  
9 which no compensation is payable under any other subdivision of this  
10 section, the Industrial Commission shall award proper and equitable  
11 compensation not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)."

12 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to all  
13 agreements approved by the North Carolina Industrial Commission under the Workers'  
14 Compensation Act, Article 1 of Chapter 97 of the General Statutes, that are approved on  
15 or after that date; all orders or decisions of the North Carolina Industrial Commission  
16 under the Workers' Compensation Act that are entered on or after that date; and all  
17 awards of the North Carolina Industrial Commission unappealed from or affirmed upon  
18 appeal under the Workers' Compensation Act that are awarded on or after that date.