

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 511
HOUSE BILL 729

AN ACT TO AMEND THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT REGARDING MEDICAL PRIVILEGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 97-27 is hereby amended by striking out "No fact communicated to or otherwise learned by any physician or surgeon or hospital or hospital employee who may have attended or examined the employee, or who may have been present at any examination, shall be privileged." as the same appears in lines 8 through 10 of such section and by substituting in lieu thereof the following: "Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 8-53, no fact communicated to or otherwise learned by any physician or surgeon or hospital or hospital employee who may have attended or examined the employee, or who may have been present at any examination, shall be privileged in any Workmen's Compensation case with respect to a claim pending for hearing before the Industrial Commission."

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 9th day of June, 1977.