

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 339
SENATE BILL 207

AN ACT TO CLARIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING PAYMENT OF MEDICAL
EXPENSES IN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE CASES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 97-59 is rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 97-59. **Employer to provide treatment.** — Medical, surgical, hospital, nursing services, medicine, sick travel, rehabilitation services and other treatment as may reasonably be required to tend to lessen the period of disability or provide needed relief shall be paid by the employer in cases in which awards are made for disability or damage to organs as a result of an occupational disease after bills for same have been approved by the Industrial Commission.

In case of a controversy arising between the employer and employee relative to the continuance of medical, surgical, hospital or other treatment, the Industrial Commission may order such further treatments as may in the discretion of the Commission be necessary."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 7th day of May, 1981.