

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 734  
SENATE BILL 206

AN ACT TO EXTEND TIME LIMITATIONS FOR PROOF IN ASBESTOSIS AND SILICOSIS CLAIMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 97-58(a) is rewritten to read as follows:

"(a) Except as otherwise provided in G.S. 97-61.6, an employer shall not be liable for any compensation for asbestosis unless disablement or death results within ten years after the last exposure to that disease, or, in case of death, unless death follows continuous disablement from such disease, commencing within the period of ten years limited herein, and for which compensation has been paid or awarded or timely claim made. An employer shall not be liable for any compensation for lead poisoning unless disablement or death results within two years after the last exposure to that disease, or, in case of death, unless death follows continuous disablement from such disease, commencing within the period of two years limited herein, and for which compensation has been paid or awarded or timely claim made."

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective July 1, 1981, and apply to claims filed with the Industrial Commission on and after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 29th day of June, 1981.