

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 762  
HOUSE BILL 1260

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTERS 96 AND 84 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO  
PERMIT PERSONS SUPERVISED BY ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT PARTIES IN  
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 96-17(b) is amended by deleting the entire paragraph and replacing it with a new section as follows:

"(b) Representation: Any claimant or employer who is a party to any proceeding before the Commission may be represented by (1) an attorney; or (2) any person who is supervised by an attorney, however, the attorney need not be present at any proceeding before the Commission."

**Sec. 2.** G.S. 96-17(c) is relabelled 96-17(d) and a new 96-17(c) is added as follows:

"(c) Fees prohibited: No individual claiming benefits in any proceeding under this Chapter shall be charged fees of any kind by the Commission or its representative or by any court or any employee thereof."

**Sec. 3.** G.S. 84-4 is amended by deleting the words "or the Employment Security Commission" from the first sentence of this section, and inserting the words "or the" between "North Carolina Industrial Commission," and "Utilities Commission".

**Sec. 4.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1981.