

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 833  
HOUSE BILL 368

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 97 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO DEFINE  
INJURY BY ACCIDENT FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 97-2(6) is rewritten to read:

"(6) Injury. 'Injury and personal injury' shall mean only injury by accident arising out of and in the course of the employment, and shall not include a disease in any form, except where it results naturally and unavoidably from the accident. With respect to back injuries, however, where injury to the back arises out of and in the course of the employment and is the direct result of a specific traumatic incident of the work assigned, 'injury by accident' shall be construed to include any disabling physical injury to the back arising out of and causally related to such incident. Injury shall include breakage or damage to eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, or other prosthetic devices which function as part of the body; provided, however, that eyeglasses and hearing aids will not be replaced, repaired, or otherwise compensated for unless injury to them is incidental to a compensable injury."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 20th day of July, 1983.