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SENATE DRS35206-LL-133 (3/1)

Short Title:	Industrial Comm. Investigators/Sworn LEOs.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Rand.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO EMPLOY SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO PERFORM FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 97-88.2(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The Commission shall:

(1) Perform investigations regarding all cases of suspected fraud and all violations related to workers' compensation claims, by or against insurers or self-funded employers, and refer possible criminal violations to the appropriate prosecutorial authorities;

(2) Conduct administrative violation proceedings; and

(3) Assess and collect civil penalties and restitution.

<u>The Commission may employ sworn law enforcement officers to conduct the investigations mandated by this subsection.</u>"

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.