

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**SENATE BILL 882
RATIFIED BILL**

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.

The Commission may employ sworn law enforcement officers duly appointed and certified through the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission to conduct the investigations mandated by this subsection."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of July, 2007.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2007