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SENATE BILL 840

Insurance and Consumer Protection Committee Substitute Adopted 4/25/01

Short Title: ESC Attorneys' Fees. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 4, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES IN CLAIMS BEFORE THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 96-15 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(l) Attorneys' Fees. – Notwithstanding G.S. 96-17(b1), the Commission may, in its discretion, reimburse expenses including attorneys' fees, to the extent that the General Assembly appropriates funds for that purpose, not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500.00), when a party's claim for unemployment insurance or tax rate adjustment pending before an appeals referee or the Commission, is required to be reconvened due to records or transcripts being lost or unavailable as needed for timely review due to fault of the Commission."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.