

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 843

Short Title: Workers' Comp/Medical Diagnostic Testing. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jackson; Faison, Goodwin, and Stewart.

Referred to: Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, if favorable, Judiciary II.

March 30, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OF AN EMPLOYEE TO SELECT
3 THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND THE DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES CENTER TO
4 ADMINISTER AND ANALYZE ANY DIAGNOSTIC TESTS AUTHORIZED BY A
5 PHYSICIAN UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 97-26 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 "(e1) Physician Selection Regarding Diagnostic Tests. – Unless ordered otherwise by the
9 Commission for good cause, the attending physician of an employee shall select the health care
10 provider and the diagnostic services center to administer and analyze any diagnostic tests
11 authorized by the physician."

12 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to diagnostic
13 tests conducted on or after that date.

