

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE BILL 866**

Short Title: Increase Cap on Loss of Workers' Organ. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Berger of Franklin; Bingham, Boseman, Cowell, Hartsell,  
Holloman, Kinnaird, Nesbitt, Snow, and Soles.

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Referred to: Judiciary II.

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March 23, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AWARD UNDER THE WORKERS'  
3 COMPENSATION ACT FOR THE LOSS OR PERMANENT INJURY TO AN  
4 IMPORTANT ORGAN OR PART OF THE BODY NOT OTHERWISE  
5 ADDRESSED IN THE SCHEDULE OF INJURIES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 97-31(24) reads as rewritten:

8 "(24) In case of the loss of or permanent injury to any important external or  
9 internal organ or part of the body for which no compensation is  
10 payable under any other subdivision of this section, the Industrial  
11 Commission may award proper and equitable compensation not to  
12 exceed ~~twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)~~ fifty thousand dollars  
13 (\$50,000)."

14 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to all  
15 agreements approved by the North Carolina Industrial Commission under the Workers'  
16 Compensation Act, Article 1 of Chapter 97 of the General Statutes, that are approved on  
17 or after that date; all orders or decisions of the North Carolina Industrial Commission  
18 under the Workers' Compensation Act that are entered on or after that date; and all  
19 awards of the North Carolina Industrial Commission unappealed from or affirmed upon  
20 appeal under the Workers' Compensation Act that are awarded on or after that date.