

## NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY **AMENDMENT** House Bill 97

H97-ALM-41 [v.5]

AMENDMENT NO. (to be filled in by Principal Clerk)

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Amends Title [NO] H97-PCS40417-MDxfr-12 Date \_\_\_\_\_,2015

Senator Hise

moves to amend the bill on page 319, line 42, through page 321, line 51, by rewriting those 1 2 lines to read as follows:

3 **"INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION STUDY IMPLEMENTING DRUG FORMULARY IN** 4 WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

5 **SECTION 15.13A.(a)** The Industrial Commission shall study the implementation 6 of a drug formulary in workers' compensation claims filed by State employees. The study shall 7 consider: (i) the pharmacy related expenses incurred by the State on an annual basis in workers' 8 compensation claims; (ii) the savings, if any, that would result from the use of a drug formulary 9 in workers' compensation claims; (iii) whether the use of a drug formulary would result in the more efficient delivery of medications, provide workers with reasonable and necessary care, 10 and provide a disincentive for health care providers to utilize costly name brand drugs and 11 habit forming opioids and narcotics; and (iv) the adoption of an appeals process that would 12 allow health care providers and injured workers to seek approval for the use of drugs that are 13 not on the formulary's approved list. The Industrial Commission may consider any other 14 15 issues relevant to the implementation of a drug formulary in workers' compensation claims.

SECTION 15.13A.(b) By April 1, 2016, the Industrial Commission shall report its 16 findings, including any recommendations on the implementation of a drug formulary in 17 18 workers' compensation claims filed by State employees, to the chairs of the House of Representatives Health Committee and the Senate Health Care Committee, and the Fiscal 19 20 Research Division."

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Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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