

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 840**

Short Title: ESC Attorneys Fees.

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Sponsors: Senator Rucho.

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Referred to: Insurance and Consumer Protection.

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April 4, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AWARD OF ATTORNEY 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:

"(1) Attorney Fees. - Notwithstanding G.S. 96-17(b), the Commission may, in its discretion, award attorney 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.