

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013**

**SESSION LAW 2013-278  
HOUSE BILL 168**

AN ACT GRANTING THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION JURISDICTION TO DECIDE DISPUTES BETWEEN AN EMPLOYEE'S PAST AND CURRENT ATTORNEYS REGARDING THE DIVISION OF A FEE AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 97-90 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(f) The Commission shall hear and determine any dispute between an employee's current and past attorney or attorneys regarding the division of a fee as approved by the Commission pursuant to this section. An attorney who is a party to an action under this subsection shall have the same rights of appeal as outlined in subsection (c) of this section."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to fee disputes for which no action to adjudicate has been filed in superior court prior to that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest  
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved 6:12 p.m. this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013

