

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 8

Short Title: Industrial Disaster Unemployment Benefits.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Kerr; and Purcell.

Referred to: Finance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING IMMEDIATE ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT  
3 BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS UNEMPLOYED DUE TO A MAJOR  
4 INDUSTRIAL DISASTER.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 96-13 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "(c1) As to claims filed on or after January 29, 2003, the waiting period for a  
8 benefit year shall not be required of a claimant if all of the following conditions are met:

9 (1) The benefits are to be paid for unemployment due directly to a major  
10 industrial disaster that destroys substantially all of the physical  
11 facilities of a manufacturing plant.

12 (2) The Governor has acknowledged the disaster through the creation of  
13 such task forces as are needed to coordinate State assistance to the  
14 manufacturer and its employees.

15 (3) The Governor has issued an Executive Order directing and authorizing  
16 the Employment Security Commission to waive the waiting week for  
17 employees of the manufacturer.

18 (4) The Employment Security Commission shall implement regulations  
19 prescribing the procedure for the waiver of the waiting period week in  
20 accordance with G.S. 96-4(b)."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.