

Trial Lawyers are standing  
in the way of one reform  
that will benefit all South Carolina  
employees and employers.

**REAL**  
**Workers'**  
**Compensation**  
**Reform**

South Carolina's Workers' Compensation system was established as a no-fault process to help injured workers, yet the system has become fraught with inconsistencies and unpredictable awards. In just the past three years, Workers' Compensation insurance premiums in our state have risen by 47.4%. An increase in premiums that costs our state jobs.

With direct competition from surrounding states for jobs, it's easy to see how these unpredictable awards keep South Carolina from being competitive. Awards in South Carolina are currently 181% of the medical guidelines that are used by more than half of the states. Simply put, our workers' compensation system is taking us out of the running in recruiting and retaining new business for South Carolina.

<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>106 %</b>
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>106 %</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>115 %</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	<b>141 %</b>
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>181 %</b>

Please urge your Senator to support the future of South Carolina by adopting the subcommittee's recommendations and adding objective guidelines that limit the discretion of commissioners. This is the only way we can have real workers' compensation reform.

