



CHAPTER 95

ARTICLE 1 - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

N.C.G.S. § 95-4.

Authority, powers and duties of Commissioner.

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The Commissioner of Labor shall be the executive and administrative head of the Department of Labor. In addition to the other powers and duties conferred upon the Commissioner of Labor by this Article, the said Commissioner shall have authority and be charged with the duty:

To appoint and assign to duty such clerks, stenographers, and other employees in the various divisions of the Department, as may be necessary to perform the work of the Department, and fix their compensation, subject to the approval of the Department of Administration. The Commissioner of Labor may assign or transfer stenographers, or clerks, from one division to another, or inspectors from one division to another, or combine the clerical force of two or more divisions, or require from one division assistance in the work of another division, as he may consider necessary and advisable: Provided, however, the provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the Industrial Commission, or the Division of Workers' Compensation.

To make such rules and regulations with reference to the work of the Department and of the several divisions thereof as shall be necessary to properly carry out the duties imposed upon the said Commissioner and the work of the Department.

To take and preserve testimony, examine witnesses, administer oaths, and under proper restriction enter any public institution of the State, any factory, store, workshop, laundry, public eating house or mine, and interrogate any person employed therein or connected therewith, or the proper officer of a corporation, or file a written or printed list of interrogatories and require full and complete answers to the same, to be returned under oath within 30 days of the receipt of said list of questions.

To secure the enforcement of all laws relating to the inspection of factories, mercantile establishments, mills, workshops, public eating places, and commercial institutions in the State. To aid him in the work,

08	1973	c. 108, s. 41	AMENDED
09	1991	c. 636, s. 3	AMENDED
10	2015	S.L. 2015-221, s. 1.2	AMENDED
11	2025	S.L. 2025-92, s. 4.1(g)	AMENDED

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3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 143C-6	(null)(7)	"Notwithstanding"
G.S. 114-2.3	(null)(7)	"Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-9 and"
G.S. 147-17	(null)(7)	""litigation services" are as defined in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 95-4 (2025).

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