

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1963 SESSION

**CHAPTER 1146  
HOUSE BILL 782**

1 AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF ROBERT R. THOMAS, FORMER STATE HIGHWAY  
2 PATROLMAN, FOR INJURIES RECEIVED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

4               WHEREAS, Robert R. Thomas, while about his official duties as a Highway  
5 Patrolman, in February of 1953, sustained a serious back injury in apprehending and attempting  
6 to take into custody an intoxicated offender; and

7 WHEREAS, said Robert R. Thomas received extensive medical treatment and as a  
8 result of said injury is now thirty-five per cent (35%) permanently disabled in the area of his  
9 back; and

10 WHEREAS, he, not understanding the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation  
11 Law and through no fault of his own, allowed the statutory time for filing his claim for a  
12 hearing to determine his permanent disability to expire; and

WHEREAS, as a result he now has no legal remedy under existing law and no other practicable means of recovering compensation for his injury except by an Act of the General Assembly: Now, therefore,

17 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

19           **Section 1.** The North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles is hereby empowered  
20 and directed to pay, out of funds appropriated to said Department, the sum of three thousand  
21 one hundred and fifty dollars (\$3,150.00) to Robert R. Thomas, said sum being the amount  
22 which would have been paid him had he been compensated for the injury received under the  
23 provisions of the North Carolina Workmen's Compensation Act.

**Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 3.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

26                   In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 24th day of June,  
27                   1963.