



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

SENATE BILL 572: S Corp Pro Se Representation in Court.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Judiciary. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	May 1, 2019
Introduced by:	Sen. Perry	Prepared by:	Amy Darden
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition S572-CSBB-9		Committee Counsel

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 572 would allow an S Corporation to represent itself in any court in this State.*

The PCS added additional language specifying who could represent the S Corporation in court.

CURRENT LAW: Currently, it is unlawful for any corporation to practice law or appear as an attorney for any person in any court, before any judicial body or the North Carolina Industrial Commission, Utilities Commission, or the Department of Commerce, or the Division of Employment Security.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS to Senate Bill 572 would create an exception to this representation rule for S Corporations, as defined in G.S. 105-131, which would allow an S Corporation to represent themselves and appear in any court of this State using a nonattorney representative who is one or more of the following:

- An officer;
- An employee whose income is reported to the IRS form W-2; or
- An owner of the business entity, if the owner's interest is in at least 25%.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The PCS would be effective when it becomes law.

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