

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated
Title 85: Workers' Compensation
Chapter 1: General Provisions
§ 18. Injuries occurring outside Cherokee Nation
Cite as: 85 CNCA § 18

From and after the passage and effective date of this act, all the provisions of this act shall apply to employers and to employees, irrespective of where the accident resulting in injury may occur, whether within or without the territorial limits of Cherokee Nation. In the event that an injury occurs outside the territorial limits of Cherokee Nation, the injured employee may commence and maintain his or her action for benefits and compensation in Cherokee Nation as provided in this act, and Cherokee Nation courts are hereby vested with jurisdiction thereof as fully as if such injury or accident had occurred within Cherokee Nation. This section shall preclude the injured employee from recovering any benefits or compensation provided under any workers' compensation law or similar law, no matter how titled, of the state, territory, country, or other jurisdiction where the injury occurred, and if such action be so commenced in such other jurisdiction, Cherokee Nation may raise the defense of sovereign immunity.

Historical Data

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