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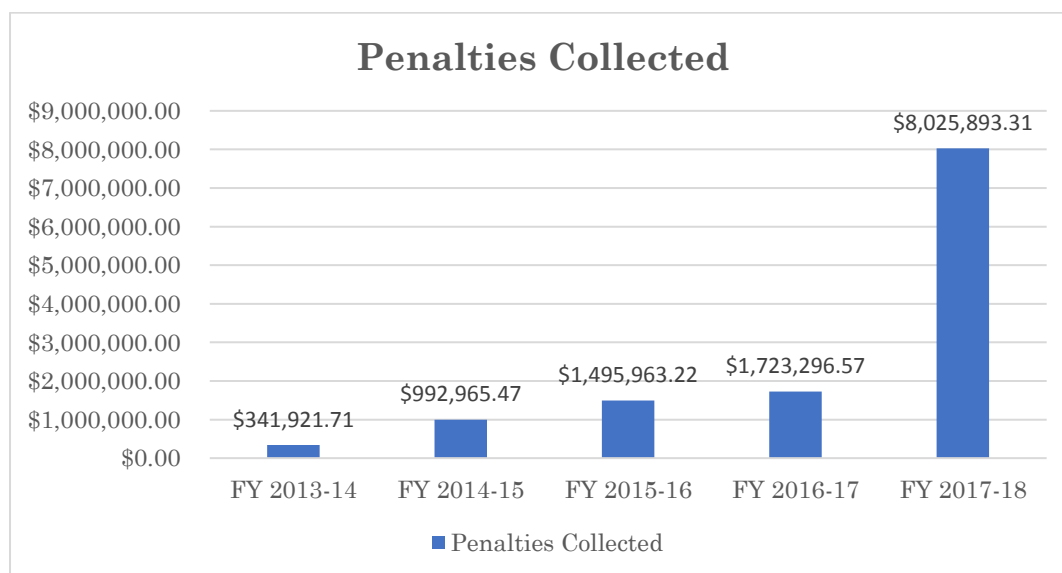
### Industrial Commission Focuses on Combating Fraud and Noncompliance: Over 600 Charges Issued and Over \$8 Million in Penalties Collected

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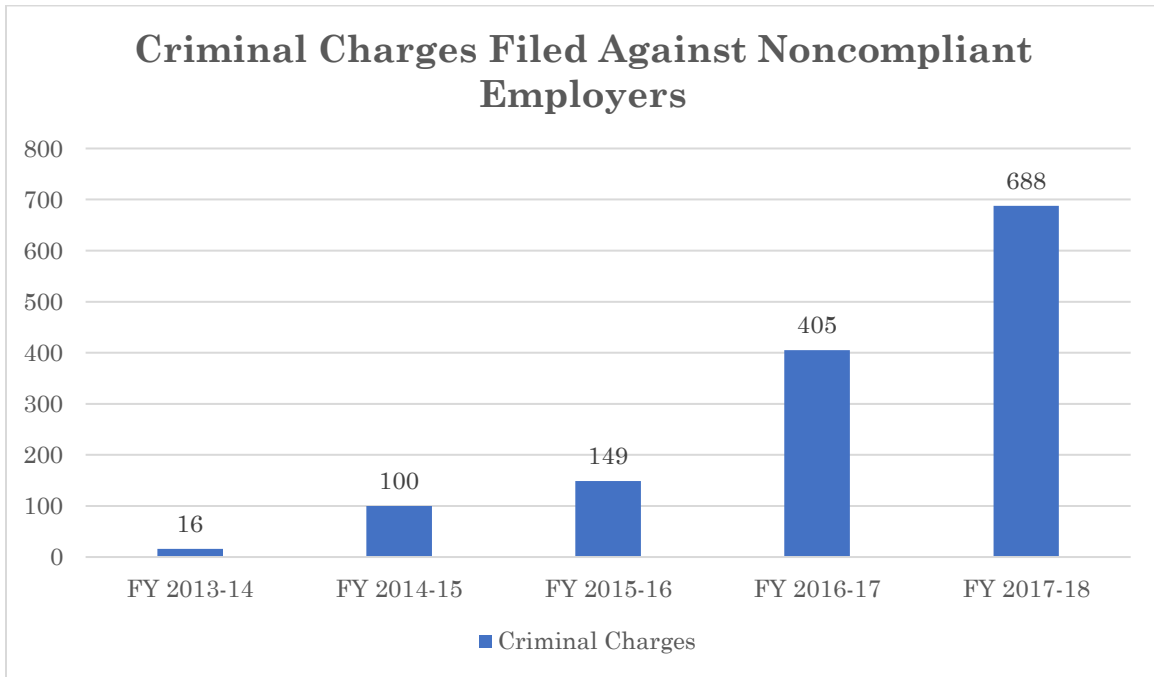
Raleigh, N.C. – The North Carolina Industrial Commission’s Compliance and Fraud Investigative Division is continuing to proactively identify businesses out of compliance with the Workers’ Compensation Act at an unprecedented rate. At the end of Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the Commission’s Compliance and Fraud Investigative Division collected over \$8 million in penalties and issued 696 criminal charges. The Compliance and Fraud Investigative Division proactively works with businesses to ensure adequate insurance is maintained, and also identifies noncompliant businesses using an advanced data-matching application.

The Compliance Unit handles civil cases and issues civil penalties to non-insured businesses for failure to carry the requisite workers’ compensation insurance. The Compliance Unit’s over \$8 million in collected penalties represent an incredible increase of 465% from the \$1.7 million collected in Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The clear proceeds of the penalties collected go to the State’s Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund to benefit North Carolina’s public schools.



The Commission’s Fraud Investigative Unit, which conducts criminal investigations, also reported increased numbers for this fiscal year. The Fraud Investigative Unit closed 5,314 cases

this fiscal year, issuing 688 criminal charges. For comparison, the Unit closed 3,146 cases last fiscal year, issuing 405 criminal charges. Previously, the Unit issued 269 criminal charges in Fiscal Years 2013-2014 through 2015-2016 combined.



“Fraud and noncompliance in the workers’ compensation system harm the people of North Carolina,” said Director Bryan Strickland. “Failure to carry proper coverage creates an unnecessary hazard to North Carolina’s employees and fraud leads to costs being passed on to the public.”

To report a case of suspected fraud or noncompliance, please contact the Commission’s Compliance and Fraud Investigative Division using the below contact information. The fraud and compliance checklist, available online at <http://www.ic.nc.gov/fraud.html> provides a list of information helpful to investigators.

- By phone: 1-888-891-4895
- By email: [fraudcomplaints@ic.nc.gov](mailto:fraudcomplaints@ic.nc.gov)
- By mail: Fraud Investigations  
Attn: Sam Constance  
1233 Mail Service Center  
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