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HOUSE BILL 1693

Short Title: Boating Safety Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Brawley.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA ADVISORY COMMISSION
ON BOATING SAFETY AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR
EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
Article to read:

“ARTICLE 62.

“NORTH CAROLINA ADVISORY COMMISSION ON BOATING SAFETY.

“§ 143-571. North Carolina Advisory Commission on Boating Safety.

(a) There is created within the Department of Natural Resources and Community
Development the North Carolina Advisory Commission on Boating Safety. It shall be
the duty of the Commission to act as an advisory commission to the General Assembly
and to make recommendations to that body on issues concerning the safety of watercraft
upon the waters of the State and the enactment of fair and reasonable laws for the
benefit of all persons using those waters.

(b) The Commission shall consist of not more than 30 members, nor less than 20
members, who shall be appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. Up to five
members of the General Assembly may be appointed to serve on the Commission. All
other members of the Commission must be actively engaged, either professionally or
voluntarily, in a safety-oriented boating organization such as the North Carolina
Wildlife Resources Commission, the United States Coast Guard, the United States
Coast Guard Auxiliary, the United States Power Squadrons, the American Red Cross,
and local marine commissions. At least sixty percent (60%) of the nonlegislative

1 members of the Commission shall be appointed so as to represent the needs and
2 interests of the inland waters of the State.

3 (c) The Commission shall elect a chairman annually. The chairman may, at his
4 discretion, appoint subcommittees. Meetings shall be called by the chairman with
5 proper notice, and shall be held on weekends or at the members' discretion.

6 (d) The North Carolina Commission on Boating Safety shall:

7 (1) Study and be familiar with the provisions of Chapter 75A of the
8 General Statutes;

9 (2) Remain informed as to water safety problems in their areas of the
10 State;

11 (3) Make reports from time to time, either on their own motion or in
12 response to a request for a study, on problems regarding water safety,
13 along with suggestions for remedies where feasible. These reports
14 shall be made to the chairman of the Commission, with copies to all
15 members of the Commission when appropriate.

16 (e) Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. Members
17 who are also members of the General Assembly shall be paid subsistence and travel
18 expenses at the rate set forth in G.S. 120-3.1. Members who are officials or employees
19 of the State shall receive travel allowances at the rate set forth in G.S. 138-6. All other
20 members shall be paid per diem and allowances at the rates set forth in G.S. 138-5."

21 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
22 Natural Resources and Community Development \$20,000 for the 1989-90 fiscal year
23 and \$20,000 for the 1990-91 fiscal year for the North Carolina Advisory Commission
24 on Boating Safety to cover travel, subsistence, and operational expenses.

25 Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.