

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 371*

Short Title: Film Location Fund.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Payne, Barnes, Colton, B. Ethridge, Grimmer, Jack Hunt, Redwine; and Hall.

Referred to: Commerce.

February 27, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FUND IN THE FILM OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF COMMERCE TO PROMOTE LOCATIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR
3 FILMMAKING.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. It is the intent of the General Assembly to promote filmmaking and
7 all aspects of film development and production in the State of North Carolina. The
8 General Assembly recognizes that North Carolina has many unique natural, historic,
9 and cultural resources and settings that could attract filmmakers and production
10 companies.

11 There is established a Film Location Fund under the control of the Film
12 Office of the Department of Commerce to be used for the promotion of North Carolina
13 locations in filmmaking. The purpose of the Film Location Fund is to promote North
14 Carolina as a "location State" in the film industry.

15 Sec. 2. The Film Office shall establish a special fund known as the Film
16 Location Fund to implement this act. All funds specified in this act shall be credited and
17 deposited in the Film Location Fund. The Director of the Film Office shall be custodian
18 of the Fund and shall have the discretion to distribute the funds in accordance with this
19 act and grant criteria developed by the Film Office.

20 Money from the Film Location Fund is to be disseminated to local projects to
21 develop print or video materials or directories of locales or facilities that could be used
22 as sites in filmmaking.

1 Sec. 3. Gifts, contributions, and in-kind services from private and local
2 governmental sources designated for inclusion in the Film Location Fund shall be
3 matched by the State on a one-to-one basis. For each one thousand dollars (\$1,000)
4 raised from private and local governmental sources, the State will match one thousand
5 dollars (\$1,000). The amount of matching money from the State shall be limited to five
6 thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any one specific local group.

7 Sec. 4. The Film Location Fund shall not take the place of State
8 appropriations to the Film Office, but the funds shall be used to supplement other
9 income and appropriations to the Film Office.

10 Sec. 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Film Office of the
11 Department of Commerce the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for fiscal year
12 1989-90 to implement the provisions of this act.

13 Sec. 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.