

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1993**

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HOUSE BILL 1268

Short Title: Welcome Centers' Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives James, Gottovi, Jenkins, Redwine, Judy Hunt, and Wilmoth.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 5, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE VISITOR AND WELCOME  
2 CENTERS IN BRUNSWICK, CAMDEN, MACON, AND WATAUGA  
3 COUNTIES.  
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5 Whereas, it is the intent of the General Assembly to equalize the amount of  
6 funding for the local Visitor and Welcome Centers listed in Section 1 of this act to the  
7 amount of funding for the Visitor and Welcome Centers along the State's interstates;

8 Now, therefore,

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
11 Commerce the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal  
12 year and the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for the 1994-95  
13 fiscal year to be equally divided among the following Visitor and Welcome Centers for  
14 operating expenses:

- 15 (1) The Visitor and Welcome Center on U.S. Highway 17 South in  
16 Brunswick County;
- 17 (2) The Visitor and Welcome Center on U.S. Highway 17 in Camden  
18 County;
- 19 (3) The Visitor and Welcome Center on U.S. Highway 441 in Macon  
20 County; and
- 21 (4) The Visitor and Welcome Center in Watauga County.

22 Sec. 2. The Department of Commerce may contract with the Albemarle  
23 Regional Planning and Development Office in the Town of Hertford, Southeastern  
24 Welcome Center, Inc., Smoky Mountain Hosts of North Carolina, Inc., and The North

- 1 Carolina High Country Host, Inc., to operate the Visitor and Welcome Centers  
2 enumerated in Section 1 of this act.
- 3           Sec. 3. This appropriation shall become part of the Department of  
4 Commerce's continuation budget for subsequent fiscal years.
- 5           Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.