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HOUSE BILL 2107

Short Title: Historic Sites Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Colton, Michaux, Bowman; Adams, Crawford, Cummings, Flaherty, Gottovi, Hensley, Holt, Luebke, Mavretic, and Wright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

June 9, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES, HISTORIC SITES SECTION, TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE FOR STABILIZATION, REPAIR, AND CODE COMPLIANCE AT STATE HISTORIC SITES.

Whereas, the Department of Cultural Resources, Historic Sites Section, operates 23 State historic sites all across North Carolina which provide educational opportunities for school children and adults and provide economic benefits to surrounding communities from tourism dollars spent in these communities; and

Whereas, these historic sites holdings consist of over 175 buildings and 2,700 acres of land; and

Whereas, half of these buildings need structural, electrical, and roof repairs, and 75% of the buildings violate building code regulations in fire suppression, alarm, and ADA areas; and

Whereas, aging facilities, stronger code requirements, and past budget cuts have reduced the Historic Sites Section's ability to keep pace with these needed repairs;

Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources, Historic Sites Section, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to begin making necessary repairs and improvements to State historic sites to ensure visitor safety and improve accessibility to all visitors.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.