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HOUSE BILL 289*

Short Title: Museum of Natural Sciences Exhibit Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gray; Adams, Blue, Easterling, Hackney, and Hensley.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 20, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR EXHIBITS FOR THE NEW NORTH
CAROLINA STATE MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES.**

Whereas, the construction of the new State Museum of Natural Sciences has already begun and will be completed in July of 1998; and

Whereas, the design development phase of the exhibits is already complete; and

Whereas, in order to open the Museum on time in June of 1999, funding for major exhibits including dioramas of mountain and beach habitats must be available and contracts for construction of exhibits must be signed before September of 1997; and

Whereas, the Museum is raising \$8,000,000 for exhibits from other sources across North Carolina, and these contributions are being paid over several years, and all of these funds are not yet available; and

Whereas, opening the new Museum will quadruple the space available in the present Museum and will triple the number of school children who can be accommodated in the Museum; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of seven million one hundred

1 thousand dollars (\$7,100,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year for design, upfit, purchase, and
2 construction of exhibits for the State Museum of Natural Sciences.

3 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.