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SENATE BILL 557

Short Title: NC Pottery Center Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Lee; Garrou and Kinnaird.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA POTTERY CENTER TO ENHANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH EDUCATION AND THE PROMOTION OF TOURISM RELATING TO AND DERIVED FROM THE POTTERY INDUSTRY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year to assist in the administration and educational programs and activities of the North Carolina Pottery Center. Seagrove is the largest and oldest European-based pottery community in the United States. North Carolina is internationally recognized as "The Pottery State". There are over 100 working potteries in the Seagrove area. Other areas such as the Catawba Valley and Penland have large concentrations of potters. The purpose of the North Carolina Pottery Center will be to stimulate economic development in the State by promoting cultural tourism and to interpret the history and technology of pottery making in North Carolina through permanent and temporary exhibitions, lectures, demonstrations, and classes; conferences, workshops and publications; and outreach programs in schools with classes and demonstrations.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.