GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2001

S SENATE BILL 994*

Short Title: Foot and Mouth Prevention/Control Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Albertson.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

April 5, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT OF

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES TO PREVENT AND CONTROL

AN OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE AND ANY OTHER

CONTAGIOUS ANIMAL DISEASE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to be used to increase reimbursements to local, private veterinarians who protect the public health by providing final disposition services on retained animals at State-inspected slaughter facilities.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of eighty-three thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$83,285) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of eighty-three thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$83,285) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to establish and support one additional Veterinary Medical Officer position, which position will oversee the public outreach and producer education efforts conducted by the Veterinary Division of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of nine thousand three hundred seventy dollars (\$9,370) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year for the costs of providing training in foreign animal disease diagnosis provided by the United States Department of Agriculture to all of the Veterinary Medical Officers in the Veterinary Division of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

SECTION 4.

 SECTION 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of eight hundred twenty-eight thousand seven hundred dollars (\$828,700) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred twenty-six thousand four hundred dollars (\$326,400) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to be used for diagnostic laboratory system repairs and service upgrades at the Rollins Diagnostic Laboratory in Raleigh and six branch laboratories located across the State.

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of seven hundred fifty

thousand dollars (\$750,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year for the capital costs of

constructing and equipping a level-3 biosecurity laboratory to be used for conducting

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SECTION 6. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand six hundred sixteen dollars (\$135,616) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand six hundred sixteen dollars (\$135,616) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to establish and support four additional laboratory positions at the Rollins Diagnostic Laboratory in Raleigh to handle the increased workload at the laboratory and the anticipated workload associated with foreign contagious animal diseases.

SECTION 7. This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.