

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1232

Short Title: Food Safety & Security Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hill; and LaRoque.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 23, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
2 AND CONSUMER SERVICES TO IMPROVE FOOD SAFETY AND
3 SECURITY.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
7 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of seventy-two thousand
8 dollars (\$72,000) for the 2003-2004 fiscal year to establish and operate the Food Safety
9 and Security Task Force.

10 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
11 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of one million eight hundred
12 sixty-six thousand eight hundred nine dollars (\$1,866,809) for the 2003-2004 fiscal year
13 and the sum of one million three hundred seventy-seven thousand seven hundred nine
14 dollars (\$1,377,709) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year to upgrade the laboratory and the
15 investigative and enforcement capabilities of the Department related to food safety and
16 security.

17 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
18 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of three hundred eighty-four
19 thousand seven hundred forty-eight dollars (\$384,748) for the 2003-2004 fiscal year to
20 be used as the ten percent (10%) matching requirement to obtain a grant of
21 approximately three million eight hundred forty-seven thousand four hundred
22 eighty-three dollars (\$3,847,483) from the United States Department of Homeland
23 Security for funding a multiagency Food Safety and Security Project to reduce the
24 vulnerability of North Carolina food supplies to criminal and terrorist acts.

25 **SECTION 4.** The Food Safety and Security Task Force shall report to the
26 General Assembly no later than December 15, 2004, any recommendations for changes
27 in laws, regulations, or programs needed to enhance food safety and security in North
28 Carolina.

29 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.