

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH60175-LG-117 (03/01)

Short Title: Piedmont Triad Heritage Officer Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Howard, Bordsen, and Holliman (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
3 TO FUND THE PIEDMONT TRIAD HERITAGE OFFICER POSITION.

4 Whereas, according to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, heritage
5 tourism is defined as "traveling to experience the places, artifacts and activities that
6 authentically represent the stories and people of past and present"; and

7 Whereas, heritage tourism is one of the fastest growing segments in the
8 tourism industry and includes cultural, historic, and natural resources; and

9 Whereas, the Piedmont Triad area has an abundance of heritage tourism
10 destinations; and

11 Whereas, the State currently funds a heritage tourism officer position that
12 serves Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin Counties; and

13 Whereas, funds are needed to support a new heritage tourism officer position
14 to coordinate heritage tourism throughout the entire 12-county Piedmont Triad region;

15 Now, therefore,

16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated to the Department of Commerce the sum
18 of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of fifty
19 thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to support a Piedmont Triad
20 Heritage Officer position to cover the entire 12-county region.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.