

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1676

Short Title: Aquarium Operations and Construction. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Weinstein.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 18, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF
3 THE AQUARIUMS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF RECEIPTS FOR
4 CONSTRUCTION OF AQUARIUM TANKS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PIERS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
8 Department of Environment and Natural Resources the sum of two million five hundred
9 thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be used for the
10 operations of the Division of Aquariums of the Department of Environment and Natural
11 Resources. This appropriation is in addition to the funding the Division of Aquariums
12 receives from departmental receipts, and the Department of Environment and Natural
13 Resources may use these funds to shift funding for operations of the Division from
14 receipt-support to General Fund support.

15 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law and pursuant to
16 G.S. 143B-289.44, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall use
17 funds available in the North Carolina Aquariums Fund to pay the debt service related to
18 the construction of a one million gallon aquarium tank at the aquarium on Roanoke
19 Island, a one million gallon tank at the Fort Fisher aquarium, and improvements to
20 Jennette's Pier in Nags Head and the Emerald Isle Pier.

21 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.