

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1963 SESSION

CHAPTER 1012
HOUSE BILL 901

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$400,000.00 TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO
2 THE USS NORTH CAROLINA BATTLESHIP COMMISSION FOR DEVELOPING A
3 "SOUND AND LIGHT" PRESENTATION OF THE HISTORY OF THE BATTLESHIP.
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5 WHEREAS, "Sound and Light" technique and equipment have been employed at
6 many of the world's principal landmarks and points of visitor interest, including the Royal
7 Palace at Versailles, the Acropolis at Athens, the Sphinx and at many European forts and
8 castles, and have been eminently successful in creating travel objectives; and

9 WHEREAS, the USS North Carolina Battleship Commission is presently engaged
10 in negotiations with commercial companies to develop a "Sound and Light" presentation, as a
11 means of depicting the history of the ship and the parts played by North Carolinians in World
12 War II, but such negotiations cannot be completed during the period in which the 1963 General
13 Assembly will be in Session; and

14 WHEREAS, if a feasible method is devised to utilize "Sound and Light" to
15 dramatize the ship's history, it will be necessary for the Battleship Commission to expend
16 approximately four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) to provide an adequate site and
17 appropriate facilities and equipment at the Battleship Memorial to implement this method of
18 public presentation, which sum will be borrowed by the Commission from funds appropriated
19 for this purpose: Now, therefore,
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21 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
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23 **Section 1.** During the biennium of 1963-65, the sum of four hundred thousand
24 dollars (\$400,000.00) may be made available from the Contingency and Emergency Fund for
25 loan to the USS North Carolina Battleship Commission, subject to approval of the Governor
26 and Council of State, to provide facilities and equipment for a sound and light presentation of
27 historical material relating to the purposes of the Battleship Memorial.

28 **Sec. 2.** The sum, if made available for such use by the Commission prior to June
29 30, 1965, shall be loaned upon such terms of repayment, not to exceed ten (10) years, as may
30 be agreed upon by the Governor and Council of State.

31 **Sec. 3.** In the event that such loan is made, and at a later date the sound and light
32 presentation is not undertaken by the Commission for that purpose, any funds which may have
33 been allocated for the above purposes shall revert to the general fund.

34 **Sec. 4.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

35 **Sec. 5.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

36 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 19th day of June,
37 1963.