

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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HOUSE BILL 1358

Short Title: Science Museum Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Colton; and Bowman.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 12, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE  
MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES.

Whereas, in 1879, the General Assembly chartered the first State Museum to keep a museum or collection of the cultural or other resources and the natural history of the State; and

Whereas, the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences has now been operating for 114 years; and

Whereas, in 1986, the General Assembly authorized the use of up to \$500,000 for the design development phase of a new North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences; and

Whereas, the museum will need expansion monies to cover the needs of planning a facility while running and updating the existing facility; and

Whereas, the museum needs expansion monies to meet the increased demands of collections care, increased public and school children visitation, and increased educational programming; and

Whereas, the museum has received no expansion monies in over nine years and the collections are deteriorating from lack of financial support for collections care, and modern technology within exhibit displays is necessary for improved museum programming; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture the sum of four hundred seventy-three thousand eight hundred sixty-six

- 1 dollars (\$473,866) for the 1993-94 fiscal year for planning and operations of the North
- 2 Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences.
- 3           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.