

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1542

Short Title: Shellfish Sanitation Lab Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Redwine; Gottovi, Culpepper, and Hill.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 25, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A
4 BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY FOR THE SHELLFISH SANITATION
5 BRANCH.

6 Whereas, the present bacteriological laboratory serving the southeastern
7 portion of North Carolina is located on UNC-Wilmington property; and

8 Whereas, this property will not be available after three more years; and

9 Whereas, there will be a continuing need for a laboratory in this area to
10 determine water quality so that shellfish waters can be opened either temporarily or on
11 an indefinite basis; and

12 Whereas, there are good resources of clams and oysters in the counties of
13 Pender, New Hanover, and Brunswick; and

14 Whereas, the harvest of shellfish is an important part of the economy of these
15 counties; and

16 Whereas, the protection of public health is the primary purpose of the
17 Shellfish Sanitation Branch of the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural
18 Resources; Now, therefore,

19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
21 Environmental Health, Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, the
22 sum of two hundred ninety-six thousand three hundred fifty-two dollars (\$296,352) for
23 the 1994-95 fiscal year for the following purposes:

24 (1) To retain an architect to design a bacteriological laboratory.

- 1 (2) To complete a lease agreement with UNC-Wilmington for a building
2 site on Masonboro Loop Road property.
- 3 (3) To construct a bacteriological laboratory for the Shellfish Sanitation
4 Branch, Division of Environmental Health, Department of
5 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources.
- 6 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.