

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 460
SHORT TITLE: Abolish Aquariums Commission
SPONSOR(S): House Proposed Committee Substitute

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No (X) No Estimate Available ()

FY 1997-98 FY 1998-99 FY 1999-00 FY 2000-01 FY 2001-02

REVENUES See section on assumption and methodology.

EXPENDITURES No additional expenses

POSITIONS: No new positions

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources

EFFECTIVE DATE: When it becomes law

BILL SUMMARY:

This act transfers all rights and responsibilities of the Aquariums Commission to the Secretary of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources.

The proposed act abolishes the Aquariums Commission established under G. S. 143B-344.16 and transfers the authority to dispense of fees credited to the North Carolina Special Aquariums Fund, established under G.S. 143B-344.17(f), to the Secretary of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources upon authorization of the General Assembly. The right to establish a schedule of fees, for the N. C. Aquariums, granted to the Commission under Chapter 143B is also transferred to the Secretary under this act. There are no changes to the current admission fees or to the restrictions on the uses of the revenue from admission charges.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

The transfer of this authority creates no additional fiscal impact.

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