

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1480

Short Title: 21st Century Farmers' Markets Pgm. Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Kinnaird; Albertson, Apodaca, Atwater, Bingham, Cowell,
Dorsett, Garwood, Holloman, Presnell, Snow, Swindell, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 18, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING THE 21ST
3 CENTURY FARMERS' MARKETS PROGRAM, A PILOT PROGRAM TO
4 ASSIST SMALL, LOW-INCOME NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS WHO
5 MARKET THEIR PRODUCTS DIRECTLY TO CUSTOMERS TO ENROLL IN
6 THE USDA FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM, TO
7 EDUCATE AND ENCOURAGE THESE FARMERS TO ACCEPT NONCASH
8 CUSTOMER PAYMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS
9 TO FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS; THEREBY HELPING THESE FARMERS
10 INCREASE THEIR CUSTOMER BASE WHILE EDUCATING LOW-INCOME
11 PERSONS ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF HEALTHY DIETS AND IMPROVED
12 NUTRITION.

13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Leaflight,
15 Inc., the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to assist
16 in the development of and the operational and staffing costs of its 21st Century Farmers'
17 Markets Program, a pilot program to assist small, low-income North Carolina farmers
18 who market their products directly to customers to enroll in the Food Stamp Program of
19 the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, to educate and
20 encourage these farmers to accept noncash customer payments, and to provide
21 educational materials to food stamp recipients; thereby helping these farmers increase
22 their customer base while educating low-income persons about the benefits of having a
23 healthy diet and improved nutrition.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.