

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 1077\***

Short Title: Marketing Assn. Rehab. Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Tarleton, Walend (Primary Sponsors); and Gillespie.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 28, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE MARKETING ASSOCIATION FOR  
3 REHABILITATION CENTERS, INC., (MARC), A NONPROFIT  
4 CORPORATION, TO PURCHASE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND FOR OTHER  
5 PURPOSES.

6       Whereas, the Marketing Association of Rehabilitation Centers (MARC)  
7 provides vocational training and manufacturing jobs for almost 1,500 adults with  
8 physical or mental disabilities in 23 counties in Western North Carolina through 11  
9 nonprofit businesses; and

10       Whereas, MARC has developed a Custom Medical Products initiative that  
11 will allow its members to manufacture custom disposable surgical drapes; and

12       Whereas, this initiative expects to create 250 new jobs, mainly for disabled  
13 workers, in some of the region's small rural communities; Now, therefore,  
14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

15       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Marketing  
16 Association for Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., (MARC), a nonprofit organization serving  
17 a 23-county region of Western North Carolina, the sum of one million dollars  
18 (\$1,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to purchase  
19 capital equipment, make facility upgrades, and offset administrative start-up costs for its  
20 Custom Medical Products Initiative.

21       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.