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HOUSE BILL 1402
Senate Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee Substitute
Adopted 7/16/07

Short Title: Welcome/Visitor Center Construction. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 12, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSULT WITH THE JOINT
4 LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS BEFORE
5 BEGINNING THE DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WELCOME
6 CENTER OR VISITOR CENTER BUILDINGS AND CLARIFYING THAT THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY PROCEED WITH THE
8 CONSTRUCTION OF VISITOR CENTER BUILDINGS UNDERWAY IN
9 RANDOLPH AND WILKES COUNTIES.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Commerce and the Department of
12 Transportation shall consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
13 Operations and the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Natural and
14 Economic Resources before beginning the design or construction of any new welcome
15 center or visitor center buildings.

16 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Commerce and the Department of
17 Transportation shall immediately cease the planning, design, or construction of any new
18 welcome center buildings in Randolph County and shall not resume the planning,
19 design, or construction of any new welcome center buildings in that county before
20 consulting with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the
21 House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Natural and Economic Resources.

22 **SECTION 3.** Nothing in this act shall be interpreted to prohibit or restrict
23 the Department of Transportation from constructing visitor center buildings in Randolph
24 County and Wilkes County that were in the planning, design, or construction phase
25 prior to the effective date of this act. The Department of Commerce shall operate the
26 Randolph County visitor center with funding sources consistent with the existing nine
27 welcome centers, excluding use of funds from the Special Registration Plate Account
28 and the Highway Fund.

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SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.