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SENATE BILL 1431

Short Title: State Park System Additions 2007.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Atwater.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF DEEP RIVER STATE TRAIL TO
3 THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM.

4 Whereas, Section 5 of Article XIV of the North Carolina Constitution states
5 that it shall be a proper function of the State of North Carolina to acquire and preserve
6 park, recreational, and scenic areas, and in every other appropriate way, to preserve as a
7 part of the common heritage of this State its open lands and places of beauty; and

8 Whereas, the General Assembly enacted the State Parks Act in 1987,
9 declaring that the State of North Carolina offers unique archeological, geological,
10 biological, scenic, and recreational resources, and that such resources are part of the
11 heritage of the people of the State to be preserved and managed by those people for their
12 use and for the use of their visitors and descendants; and

13 Whereas, the Deep River in Randolph, Moore, Lee, and Chatham Counties is
14 considered nationally significant for its biological resources, including globally rare
15 species of fish and mussels; and

16 Whereas, the Deep River is used extensively by paddlers and fishermen, and
17 has considerable potential to support recreational uses and to attract tourism to the
18 four-county area; Now, therefore,

19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly authorizes the Department of
21 Environment and Natural Resources to add Deep River State Trail to the State Parks
22 System as provided in G.S. 113-44.14(b).

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.