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SENATE BILL 1192

Short Title: USS Battleship Commission Powers.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Block.

Referred to: State Personnel.

May 5, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA BATTLESHIP COMMISSION TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FROM ITS ANNUAL BUDGET FOR MERIT PAY FOR ITS EMPLOYEES AND TO AWARD THAT MERIT PAY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143B-73.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-73.1. U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship Commission – duties.

The Commission shall have the further duty and authority to select an appropriate site for the permanent berthing of the Battleship U.S.S. North Carolina, taking into consideration factors including, but not limited to, the accessibility, location in relation to roads and highways, scenic attraction, protection from hazards of weather, fire and sea, cost of site and berthing, cooperation of local governmental authorities in securing, equipping, and maintaining appropriate areas surrounding the site, and others which may affect the suitability of such site for establishment of the ship as a permanent memorial and exhibit; to accept gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of this Article; to allocate part of its annual budget for merit pay for employees hired pursuant to G.S. 143B-74.2; notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes, to award merit pay in a manner that the Commission deems just; to transport to, and berth the ship at the site; to ready the ship for visitation by the public; to establish and provide for a proper charge for admission to the ship, and for safekeeping of funds; to maintain and operate the ship as a permanent memorial and exhibit; to acquire property, both real and personal, with the approval of the Governor and the Council of State, and to accept donations of property, both real and personal, from any source; to establish, supervise, manage and maintain in New Hanover County with the

1 approval and assistance of the Department of Cultural Resources exhibits, dramas,  
2 cultural activities, museums, and records pertaining to the marine and naval history of  
3 the State of North Carolina and the United States of America; to identify, preserve and  
4 protect properties having historical, marine and naval significance to New Hanover  
5 County, the State, its communities and counties and the nation; to establish and provide  
6 for a proper charge for admission to all properties maintained and operated by the  
7 Commission in New Hanover County; to otherwise provide in carrying out its duties for  
8 the establishment of appropriate activities to encourage interest in the marine and naval  
9 history of North Carolina; to perpetuate the memory of North Carolinians who gave  
10 their lives in the course of World War II and in the events in which the battleship was a  
11 participant, and to allocate funds for the fulfillment of the duties and authority herein  
12 provided as may be necessary and appropriate for the purpose of this Article."

13           Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.