

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 189*

Short Title: Veterans Cemeteries Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Swain, Guy, Raynor, Winner; Ballance, Barker, Basnight, Block, Conder, Daniel, Ezzell, Goldston, Harris, Hunt of Durham, Hunt of Moore, Johnson of Wake, Martin of Pitt, Martin of Guilford, Marvin, Murphy, Odom, Parnell, Rauch, Richardson, Sands, Sherron, Soles, Speed, Staton, Tally, Walker, and Ward.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 16, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 **AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWO**
3 **VETERANS CEMETERIES TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE THIRD AND**
4 **ELEVENTH UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS AND TO**
5 **ALLOW ANY UNEXPENDED FUNDS TO GO TOWARD THE COSTS OF THE**
6 **THIRD VETERANS CEMETERY.**

7 Whereas, North Carolina has more than 680,000 veterans of military service;
8 and

9 Whereas, those veterans deserve the opportunity to be buried in a veterans
10 cemetery in recognition of their service to our country; and

11 Whereas, by 1992, all of the four national cemeteries in North Carolina will
12 be filled, the Wilmington cemetery having filled and closed at the end of 1986; and

13 Whereas, the Veterans Administration has gone to a regional concept for
14 national cemeteries, with the nearest such facility being in the State of Alabama; and

15 Whereas, veterans deserve burial in close proximity to their families and
16 friends and deserve not to be transported to Alabama for burial; and

17 Whereas, the Veterans Administration matches state funds on a dollar-for-
18 dollar basis to encourage states to build veterans cemeteries; Now, therefore,
19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
21 Veterans Affairs, Department of Administration, the sum of eight hundred thousand

1 dollars (\$800,000) for the 1989-90 fiscal year for fees, advanced planning, site
2 improvements, and construction costs of the two veterans cemeteries to be established
3 in the 3rd and 11th United States Congressional Districts in accordance with Article 8A
4 of Chapter 65 of the General Statutes.

5 Sec. 2. Funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act shall provide for the
6 employment of one project manager and administrative expenses. The project manager
7 shall be a time-limited position of no more than two years at a pay grade 74, subject to
8 the provisions of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes.

9 Sec. 3. Funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act that are not expended by
10 the end of the 1989-90 fiscal year may not revert, but shall be used for fees, planning,
11 site improvements, or construction costs for the veterans cemetery to be established in
12 the 7th United States Congressional District in accordance with Article 8A of Chapter
13 65 of the General Statutes.

14 Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.