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SENATE BILL 701*

Short Title: N. C. Aquariums.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Martin of Guilford; Block, Basnight, Perdue, and Hartsell.

Referred to: Agriculture, Marine Resources, and Wildlife.

April 18, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUMS COMMISSION
AND AQUARIUM ENTRANCE FEES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Part to read:

“PART 8B. NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUMS COMMISSION.

”§ 143B-390.3. North Carolina Aquariums Commission – creation.

There is hereby created the North Carolina Aquariums Commission.

”§ 143B-390.4. North Carolina Aquariums Commission – organization, powers, and duties.

(a) The Commission shall consist of 12 members appointed as follows:

- (1) Three members appointed by the Governor including one member designated by the Governor to serve as chair of the Commission,
- (2) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in accordance with G.S. 120-121,
- (3) Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in accordance with G.S. 120-121, and
- (4) Three members appointed by the North Carolina Aquarium Society, Inc., each of whom resides in one of the counties where the North Carolina Aquariums are located: Carteret, Dare, and New Hanover.

(b) Commission members shall serve for terms of four years, beginning July 1, 1992, and may be removed at any time by the appointing authority. If a vacancy on the

1 Commission occurs, the appointing authority shall appoint a replacement to serve for
2 the unexpired term.

3 (c) The Commission shall meet upon the call of the chair.

4 (d) The Secretary of Administration shall provide staff support for Commission
5 activities and travel reimbursement for Commission members.

6 (e) The Commission shall establish a schedule of uniform entrance fees for the
7 North Carolina Aquariums and may revise that schedule from time to time. The
8 Commission shall recommend expenditures from the North Carolina Special Aquariums
9 Fund, hereafter established.

10 (f) The North Carolina Special Aquariums Fund, hereafter 'Fund', is hereby
11 created, and shall be a special and nonreverting fund. The Fund shall be used only for
12 repair, maintenance, and educational exhibit construction at existing aquariums. The
13 Fund may also be used to match private funds that are raised for these purposes.

14 (g) Beginning June 30, 1992, the Department of Administration shall retain, at
15 the end of each fiscal year, unbudgeted entrance fee receipts from the North Carolina
16 Aquariums and deposit the receipts into the Fund. The Secretary of Administration may
17 expend funds only upon the recommendation of the Commission and the approval of the
18 Office of State Budget and Management. The Department of Administration shall
19 provide an annual report showing the use of aquarium entrance fees collected to the
20 Office of State Budget and Management and to the Fiscal Research Division of the
21 Legislative Services Office."

22 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.