

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 637

Short Title: Nat. Sciences Museum Construc. Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Colton, Alexander; Baddour, Beall, Braswell, Burton, Crawford, Easterling, Fussell, Gottovi, H. Hunter, Justus, Kennedy, Kuczmariski, Luebke, Mercer, Richardson, Rogers, and Spears.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 29, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW
2 NORTH CAROLINA STATE MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES.
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4 Whereas, in 1986, the General Assembly authorized the use of up to
5 \$500,000 for the design development phase of a new North Carolina State Museum of
6 Natural Sciences; and

7 Whereas, the design development phase of the project was completed in
8 1989; and

9 Whereas, in 1992, the General Assembly authorized the use of up to
10 \$750,000 for the construction document phase of a new North Carolina State Museum
11 of Natural Sciences; and

12 Whereas, the construction document phase of the project will be completed in
13 July 1993; and

14 Whereas, the museum is currently in the Museum Annex of the Agriculture
15 Building in converted office space and there are cracks in the foundation under the main
16 lobby area; and

17 Whereas, this space is grossly inadequate to house the museum's significant
18 scientific collection and the museum is inhibited in its task to protect, conserve, and use
19 its collection; and

20 Whereas, in the current facility, the museum is unable to present fully
21 effective educational programs and exhibitions; and

1 Whereas, over 100,000 school children visit the museum each year and the
2 museum is the most popular attraction in the State government complex; and

3 Whereas, the capacity of the Museum is 960 and regularly in the spring and
4 fall months and at special events the museum has anywhere from 1000-2000 visitors in
5 the building on a given day; and

6 Whereas, in August of 1993, the New North Carolina State Museum of
7 Natural Sciences will be ready for bid; Now, therefore,
8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
10 Agriculture the sum of thirty million eight hundred thirty-four thousand five hundred
11 dollars (\$30,834,500) for the 1993-94 fiscal year for construction of a new Museum of
12 Natural Sciences.

13 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.