

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1993**

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SENATE BILL 1537\*

Short Title: Brunswick Tire Recovery Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Soles.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 24, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO RECOVER TIRES FROM THE OCEAN  
2 THAT HAVE BROKEN AWAY FROM AN ARTIFICIAL REEF PLACED BY  
3 THE DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEPARTMENT OF  
4 ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFF THE COAST  
5 OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY.  
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
9 Marine Fisheries, Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum  
10 of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to be used by  
11 the Division to recover or to contract for the recovery of approximately 225,000 tires  
12 that constituted an artificial fishing reef that the Division of Marine Fisheries placed off  
13 the coast of Yaupon Beach in Brunswick County between 1975 and 1982, but that  
14 presently are breaking away from the reef and washing up on the beaches, thereby  
15 harming the commercial fishing and tourism industries in Brunswick County. The use  
16 of unballasted tires for artificial reefs was stopped in 1982 and subsequently banned  
17 under the North Carolina Artificial Reef Master Plan developed by the Division of  
18 Marine Fisheries.

19 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.