

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 953

Short Title: Wetlands Restoration Prgm. Amends.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Clodfelter; Albertson and Kinnaird.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND
2 NATURAL RESOURCES TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS FROM THE WETLANDS
3 RESTORATION FUND AND TO CONVEY INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY
4 ACQUIRED UNDER THE WETLANDS RESTORATION PROGRAM TO
5 FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND PRIVATE
6 NONPROFIT CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS.
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 Section 1. G.S. 143-214.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 "(a1) The Department may distribute funds from the Wetlands Restoration Fund
11 directly to a federal or State agency, a local government, or a private, nonprofit
12 conservation organization to acquire, manage, and maintain real property or an interest in
13 real property for the purposes set out in subsection (a) of this section. A recipient of
14 funds under this subsection shall grant a conservation easement in the real property or
15 interest in real property acquired with the funds to the Department in a form that is
16 acceptable to the Department. The Department may convey real property or an interest in
17 real property that has been acquired under the Wetlands Restoration Program to a federal
18 or State agency, a local government, or a private, nonprofit conservation organization to
19 acquire, manage, and maintain real property or an interest in real property for the
20 purposes set out in subsection (a) of this section. A grantee of real property or an interest

1 in real property under this subsection shall grant a conservation easement in the real
2 property or interest in real property to the Department in a form that is acceptable to the
3 Department."

4 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.