

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 302 (Senate Finance Committee Substitute)

SHORT TITLE: Artwork Conservation Fees - AB

SPONSOR(S): Senators Kerr, Hoyle, Rand, and Reeves

FISCAL IMPACT

Yes () No (X) No Estimate Available ()

FY 2001-02 FY 2002-03 FY 2003-04 FY 2004-05 FY 2005-06

REVENUES

Museum of Art Foundation
Conservation Fee Receipts see ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY

EXPENDITURES

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &

PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Cultural Resources – North Carolina Museum of Art

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act becomes effective July 1, 2001.

BILL SUMMARY: The bill allows the North Carolina Museum of Art to perform conservation treatments on privately owned works of art.

BACKGROUND: The North Carolina Museum of Art Foundation operates the Regional Conservation Services Program to provide surveys and restoration of paintings for museums, colleges, historic sites, and other nonprofit agencies. The program also provides consultations for conservation planning, storage systems, disaster preparedness, and staff training. The program employs a paintings conservator and a part time clerical position. These positions are housed in the Museum of Art’s 3,000 square foot conservation laboratory, but are funded by the North Carolina Museum of Art Foundation.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: This bill has no fiscal impact on the state General Fund. This bill will allow the Conservator for the Regional Conservation Services Program to work on privately owned works of art. This program charges a \$60 per hour conservation fee. The Museum of Art Foundation expects to receive \$46,000 in revenue from this conservation fee in FY 2000-01. According to a Museum of Art official, no

additional revenue is anticipated in the short term because the conservator is working at full capacity. If the demand for conservation of private artwork becomes substantial, the Foundation could hire additional personnel. Additional personnel would produce additional revenue for the Foundation.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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