

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 504\***

Short Title:   WNC Agriculture Center Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors:   Representatives Goforth, Fisher, Thomas (Primary Sponsors); Faison and Underhill.

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Referred to:   Appropriations.

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March 7, 2007

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2   AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF THE WESTERN  
3   NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL CENTER.

4                   Whereas, the Western North Carolina Fairground, located at the Western  
5   North Carolina Agricultural Center adjacent to the Horse Arena, is growing rapidly; and

6                   Whereas, unlike the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, the Western North Carolina  
7   Fairground does not have enclosed facilities that can be leased as exhibition space or for  
8   other purposes when not in use; and

9                   Whereas, it has been determined that the Western North Carolina Fairground  
10   could be further developed if suitable exhibition space was available to generate income  
11   for the fairground; and

12                   Whereas, the Commissioner of Agriculture has brought forth a plan to  
13   enhance the fairground for \$17 million; Now, therefore,

14   The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

15                   **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
16   Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of seventeen million dollars  
17   (\$17,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to support the New Vision Plan for the  
18   Western North Carolina Agricultural Center by better utilizing the existing land and  
19   buildings, separating the equine and livestock events from fairground events, and  
20   developing the WNC Regional Events Center.

21                   **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.