

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 605*

Short Title: Assn. for Health Care Access. (Public)

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

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 13, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA
3 ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTHCARE ACCESS (NCAHA), A NONPROFIT
4 ORGANIZATION, FOR OPERATIONS, BOARD DEVELOPMENT, AND
5 OTHER PURPOSES.

6 Whereas, the North Carolina Association for Healthcare Access (NCAHA) is
7 an association of organizations working to improve access to health care for low-income
8 medically uninsured persons in North Carolina; and

9 Whereas, NCAHA advances the work of volunteer health care providers
10 through organized networks of charity care; and

11 Whereas, the goal of NCAHA is to support current, emerging, and new
12 charity care access programs throughout the State; and

13 Whereas, through the combined efforts of NCAHA organizations, over
14 \$40,000,000 in charity care is provided to the neediest citizens of this State; and

15 Whereas, State funding will enable NCAHA to build on its success and to
16 continue the good work that physicians and their partners are doing in communities
17 such as Asheville, Boone, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Greenville, and
18 Wilmington, among others; Now, therefore,

19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North
21 Carolina Association for Healthcare Access (NCAHA) the sum of two hundred fifty
22 thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. These funds shall be used
23 for the NCAHA's general operations, board development, and provisions for its annual
24 conference.

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