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SENATE BILL 1225

Short Title: Dry Hydrant Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Conder.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 21, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
2 NONPRESSURIZED DRY FIRE HYDRANTS IN RURAL AREAS OF THE
3 STATE.
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Whereas, there are approximately 950 Rural Volunteer Fire Departments serving over 4,000 square miles of privately owned land and property in North Carolina; and

Whereas, many areas of the State lack water mains and domestic fire hydrants, which causes a delayed response time to fire emergencies; and

Whereas, nonpressurized dry hydrants can be placed on existing natural and man-made water sources such as ponds, rivers, creeks, drainage canals, and lakes to provide dependable fire protection in all weather conditions; and

Whereas, dry hydrants provide safe water intake points for volunteer fire-fighting personnel; and

Whereas, the use of dry hydrants will increase rural fire protection capability and efficiency and may save lives and reduce property loss; Now, therefore,

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
7 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of one million four hundred thirty-
8 two thousand six hundred twenty dollars (\$1,432,620) for the 1996-97 fiscal year for the
9 North Carolina Resource Conservation and Development Association, a nonprofit

1 corporation, to be used to provide all counties of the State with materials and equipment
2 to install approximately 3,411 dry hydrants in rural areas, consisting of at least 10 dry
3 hydrants per county upon application of the county.

4 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1996.