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SENATE BILL 233*

Short Title: North Carolina Aquariums Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Ballantine; and Thomas.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

February 22, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE NORTH
CAROLINA AQUARIUM AT PINE KNOLL SHORES.

Whereas, in 1998, more than 808,800 people visited the North Carolina Aquariums; and

Whereas, in prior enactments of the legislature, the General Assembly has authorized funding for the expansion of the North Carolina Aquariums at Fort Fisher, Roanoke Island, and Pine Knoll Shores; and

Whereas, the Fort Fisher and Roanoke Island facilities received funds for expansion; and

Whereas, in 1999, funds allocated for capital improvements for the Pine Knoll Shores facility were diverted to the Hurricane Floyd Disaster Relief Fund; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores has not had any significant improvements since the facility was constructed in 1974; Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of North Carolina Aquariums, the sum of eighteen million three hundred thirteen thousand one hundred thirty dollars (\$18,313,130) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year for expansion of the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.