

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 1724\***

Short Title: Constable Lab Generator Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Albertson; Atwater and Soles.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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May 21, 2008

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PURCHASE AN EMERGENCY  
3 GENERATOR FOR CONSTABLE LABORATORY.

4           Whereas, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
5 Services' Constable Laboratory is the State's only food laboratory and is responsible for  
6 conducting analyses of food samples for the presence of E.coli, samonella, pesticide and  
7 antibiotic residues, heavy metals, and other pathogens and contaminants; and

8           Whereas, Constable Laboratory tested over 44,000 food samples in 2007 with  
9 equipment valued at over \$5 million; and

10           Whereas, Constable Laboratory has experienced at least 10 power outages  
11 since March 2007, causing damage to equipment, loss of supplies and samples, and lost  
12 work time; and

13           Whereas, the engineering firm hired by the Department to review the systems  
14 at Constable Laboratory has determined that an 800 kilowatt generator would be needed  
15 to carry the loads required by laboratory operations; and

16           Whereas, the cost of purchasing and installing an 800 kilowatt generator for  
17 Constable Laboratory is \$536,221; Now, therefore,  
18 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

19           **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North  
20 Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of five hundred  
21 thirty-six thousand two hundred twenty-one dollars (\$536,221); for fiscal year 2008, for  
22 the purchase and installation of an 800 kilowatt generator for Constable Laboratory.

23           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.