

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

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**HOUSE DRH50141-LN-134A\* (2/26)**

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

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

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Referred to:

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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.