

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

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**HOUSE BILL 223\***

Short Title: North Carolina Aquariums Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Preston.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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February 22, 2001

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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