

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 302 (First Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Artwork Conservation Fees - AB

**SPONSOR(S):** Senators Kerr, Hoyle, Rand, and Reeves

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**Yes ( )      No ( )      No Estimate Available (X)**

**FY 2001-02   FY 2002-03   FY 2003-04   FY 2004-05   FY 2005-06**

**REVENUES**

Museum of Art Foundation  
Conservation Fee Receipts

see ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY

**EXPENDITURES**

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &**

**PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Department of Cultural Resources – North Carolina Museum of Art

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act becomes effective July 1, 2001.

**BILL SUMMARY:** The bill allows the North Carolina Museum of Art to perform conservation treatments on privately owned works of art and to charge a fee for this service.

**BACKGROUND:** The North Carolina Museum of Art Foundation operates the Regional Conservation Services Program to provide surveys and restoration of paintings for museums, colleges, historic sites, and other nonprofit agencies. The program also provides consultations for conservation planning, storage systems, disaster preparedness, and staff training. The program employs a paintings conservator and a part time clerical position. These positions are housed in the Museum of Art's 3,000 square foot conservation laboratory, but are funded by the North Carolina Museum of Art Foundation.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** This bill will allow the Conservator for the Regional Conservation Services Program to work on privately owned works of art. The conservation fee charged by this program is \$60 per hour. This conservation fee is anticipated to generate \$46,000 in revenue for the Museum of Art Foundation in FY 2000-01. According to a Museum of Art official, no additional revenue is anticipated in the short

term because the conservator is working at full capacity. If the demand for conservation of private artwork becomes substantial, the Foundation could hire additional personnel. Additional personnel would produce additional revenue for the Foundation.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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