

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 1040
SENATE BILL 200

1 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FURTHER RESTORATION OF HISTORIC
2 BATH.

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4 WHEREAS, the historic Town of Bath is North Carolina's oldest incorporated town,
5 having been chartered in 1705, and there are several historic buildings within the original town
6 limits which ought to be preserved for posterity; and

7 WHEREAS, the Historic Bath Commission was established by the 1959 General
8 Assembly with authority to conduct the restoration of these buildings, and the Commission has
9 raised from private sources since that time approximately eighty-five thousand dollars
10 (\$85,000) for this purpose; and

11 WHEREAS, the Richardson Foundation of New York City and Greensboro, North
12 Carolina, has contributed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Commission for furthering the
13 restoration of the historic Marsh House, a large and unique dwelling house built in 1744,
14 provided that the remainder of the twenty-six thousand nine hundred seventy dollars (\$26,970)
15 necessary for the Marsh House project is raised from other sources prior to the expiration of
16 this challenge offer on December 1, 1961 and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to completing the restoration of the Marsh House (now
18 60% complete) and several outbuildings it is necessary to prepare the grounds for public
19 visitation and use and the Historic Bath Commission does not have funds available for this
20 purpose: Now, therefore,

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22 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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24 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department
25 of Archives and History the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be used for the
26 following purposes: to meet the conditions of the Richardson Foundation's challenge donation
27 of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in order to make those funds available and to improve the
28 grounds as necessary for opening the project as a public historical

29 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

30 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall be in full force and effect upon its ratification.

31 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 19th day of June,
32 1961.