

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 1152
HOUSE BILL 750

1 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF THE
2 WRIGHT TAVERN.

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4 WHEREAS, The Wright Tavern in Wentworth, Rockingham County is described by
5 Thomas T. Waterman, the State's leading architectural historian, as the finest surviving
6 example of a two-story, frame Dog-Run building, and

7 WHEREAS, The Wright Tavern is associated with some of North Carolina's
8 greatest Statesmen of the nineteenth century, among them Congressman Thomas Settle,I, Chief
9 Justice Thomas Ruffin, Governor John M. Morehead, Governor and Senator David S. Reid,
10 Legislator and historian Archibald DeBow Murphey, Brigadier General and Governor Alfred
11 M. Scales, and Governor Robert B. Glenn, and

12 WHEREAS, with funds raised from private sources, and supplemented by an
13 appropriation of the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners, The Wright Tavern, an
14 architecturally unique early Tavern (1812), has been purchased and is now being restored as an
15 historic site, County museum and educational facility, and

16 WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Historical Society, Inc., in cooperation with
17 the State Department of Archives and History, has outlined a five-year restoration program
18 estimated to cost eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000.00), and

19 WHEREAS, the Society has developed plans for raising additional funds from
20 private sources, but needs State assistance at this time in order to complete major repairs now
21 underway without interruption or postponement;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

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24 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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26 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State
27 Department of Archives and History the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be
28 used for the repair and restoration of The Wright Tavern, upon the condition that fifteen
29 thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) be raised in non-state matching funds by the Rockingham
30 Historical Society, Inc..

31 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

32 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

33 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 30th day of June,
34 1969.