

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1055  
HOUSE BILL 742

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES FOR HISTORIC WILMINGTON FOUNDATION, INC., TO PLAN FOR AND RESTORE THE DE ROSSET HOUSE, WILMINGTON.

Whereas, the cultural heritage of the port city of Wilmington has made an outstanding and immeasurable contribution to all citizens of the State; and

Whereas, Wilmington has played a vital role in the history and development of North Carolina from the early days of settlement; and

Whereas, it is desirable to preserve and use for the public benefit structures which reflect the history and life of the City of Wilmington; and

Whereas, the Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc., has participated actively in preservation activities in the city for eleven years; and

Whereas, the Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc., has acquired for preservation purposes the de Rosset House, the grandest of all Wilmington's antebellum Italianate style dwellings, built for a Dr. Armand John de Rosset III, a physician turned merchant; and

Whereas, the de Rosset House reflects the exuberant lifestyle of mid-nineteenth century Wilmington and is an outstanding example of the city's prevailing architectural style; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, for the 1977-78 fiscal year the sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000), twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of which will be available to the Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc., for the purpose of restoration, to include a phased program of (1) research, (2) planning, and (3) rehabilitation of the de Rosset House, the remainder of which will be used by the Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, to provide technical services to the recipient/for the project, provided an amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) is raised by the Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc.; and for 1978-79 fiscal year the sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000), twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of which will be available to the Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc., for the purpose of execution of the restoration of the de Rosset House, the remainder of which will be used by the Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, to provide technical services to the recipient/for the project, provided an amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) is raised by the Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc. Funds appropriated in this act shall be expended only in accordance with G.S. 121-11 and G.S. 143-31.2.

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective July 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.