

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 954
HOUSE BILL 354

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SCHIELE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND PLANETARIUM, INC., IN GASTONIA.

Whereas, the Schiele Museum of Natural History and Planetarium, Inc., located in Gastonia, North Carolina, has, over the past 16 years, provided millions of the residents of this State with a Museum of Natural History; and

Whereas, the museum has permanent displays of our environment, space exploration and historical data dealing with our total background; and

Whereas, the museum has 680,000 visitors annually, representing people from eighty percent (80%) or more of the counties in the State and is the most heavily visited museum in the State; and

Whereas, the City of Gastonia and the county of Gaston did in 1976 furnish one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) in operating costs; and

Whereas, the museum now owns 16 acres of land; has buildings and exhibits and has added a learning center and needs capital and operating funds to install major exhibits interpreting the total natural history of North Carolina from the mountains to the sea; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for fiscal year 1977-78 to be used for the continuation of capital improvements and operating funds for the Schiele Museum of Natural History and Planetarium, Inc., in Gastonia, North Carolina. 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.