

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 1064
HOUSE BILL 508

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE EPILEPSY INFORMATION SERVICE.

Whereas, epilepsy affects more of North Carolina's citizens than cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis combined; and

Whereas, although with the proper diagnosis, treatment and education, most people with epilepsy are able to lead normal seizure-free lives, marrying, bearing children and pursuing rewarding careers, epilepsy is one of the most misunderstood and stigmatizing disorders of our time; many who could easily be helped struggle to conceal their condition, and the general public reinforces their concealment by its general ignorance and fear of epilepsy; and

Whereas, the Epilepsy Information Service, established in July, 1979, has promised comprehensive programs providing information, education and counseling both for those with epilepsy and for the general public interested in understanding this disorder, and has so far been able successfully to assist more than 4,000 people with epilepsy and their families; and

Whereas, it is in the vital interest of all North Carolinians to continue the Epilepsy Information Service's programs, not only because so many citizens have epilepsy but also because society as a whole can only benefit from understanding the nature of the disorder and the many and various resources for treatment; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for fiscal year 1981-82 to provide funds for the programs of the Epilepsy Information Service.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of October, 1981.