

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1989**

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**HOUSE BILL 431\***

Short Title: Park Improvement Plan.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives N. Crawford, DeVane, Foster; Abernethy, Albertson, Barbee, Barnes, Barnhill, Beall, Beard, Blue, Bowen, Bowman, Brawley, Brown, Brubaker, Buchanan, Burke, Chapin, Church, Colton, Cooper, Craven, J. Crawford, Creech, Cromer, Cunningham, Dawkins, Diamont, Dickson, Diggs, Duncan, Easterling, Edwards, Esposito, L. Etheridge, B. Ethridge, Fitch, Flaherty, Fletcher, Fussell, Gardner, Gibson, Gist, Grady, Greenwood, Grimmer, Hackney, Hall, Hardaway, Hasty, Hege, Holmes, Holt, Howard, Huffman, Jack Hunt, Judy Hunt, S. Hunt, H. Hunter, R. Hunter, Hurley, Isenhower, James, Jerals, Jones, Justus, Kennedy, Kerr, Kimsey, Lail, Ligon, Lilley, Lineberry, Locks, Loflin, Lutz, Mercer, Michaux, Miller, Mills, Nesbitt, Nye, Payne, Perdue, Privette, Ramsey, Redwine, Rhodes, Rhyne, Robinson, Rogers, Sizemore, Stam, Stamey, Stewart, Tallent, Tart, R. Thompson, S. Thompson, Walker, Warner, Warren, Weatherly, Wicker, P. Wilson, W. Wilson, Wiser, Wood, and Woodard.

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Referred to: Basic Resources.

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March 2, 1989

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN (PIP) FOR CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS  
AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE PLAN.**

Whereas, Section 5 of Article 14 of the State Constitution states that it shall be a proper function of the State of North Carolina to acquire and preserve park, recreational, and scenic areas, and in every other appropriate way to preserve as a part of the common heritage of this State its openlands and places of beauty;

Whereas, the General Assembly enacted the State Parks Act in 1987, declaring that the State of North Carolina offers unique archaeologic, geologic, biologic, scenic, and recreation resources, and that such resources are part of the heritage of the

1 people of the State to be preserved and managed by those people for their use and for  
2 the use of their visitors and descendants;

3       Whereas, the General Assembly found it appropriate to establish the State  
4 Parks System; and

5       Whereas, the General Assembly has directed that the tax dollars of the State  
6 should be expended in an efficient manner to assure that the State Parks System is  
7 adequate to accomplish these goals; Now, therefore,

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9       Section 1. The General Assembly finds that the creation of a "Park  
10 Improvement Plan" to provide for capital improvement projects at State Parks and  
11 Recreation Areas is in keeping with the highest purposes of public policy and in concert  
12 with Constitutional provisions and State law.

13       Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
14 Natural Resources and Community Development, Division of Parks and Recreation, the  
15 sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for fiscal year 1989-90 and the sum of ten  
16 million dollars (\$10,000,000) for fiscal year 1990-91 to begin the initial phase of capital  
17 projects under the Park Improvement Plan.

18       Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.