

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 229\***

Short Title: Park Improvement Plan.

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Sponsors: Senators Sherron, Cochran, Shaw, Tally, Winner; Block, Carpenter, Daniel, Hardin, Hunt of Durham, Hunt of Moore, Kaplan, Marvin, Sands, and Walker.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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February 22, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN (PIP) FOR CAPITAL  
2 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS  
3 AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE PLAN.  
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5 Whereas, Section 5 of Article 14 of the State Constitution states that it shall  
6 be a proper function of the State of North Carolina to acquire and preserve park,  
7 recreational, and scenic areas, and in every other appropriate way to preserve as a part  
8 of the common heritage of this State its openlands and places of beauty;

9 Whereas, the General Assembly enacted the State Parks Act in 1987,  
10 declaring that the State of North Carolina offers unique archaeological, geologic, biologic,  
11 scenic, and recreation resources, and that such resources are part of the heritage of the  
12 people of the State to be preserved and managed by those people for their use and for  
13 the use of their visitors and descendants;

14 Whereas, the General Assembly found it appropriate to establish the State  
15 Parks System; and

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

19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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