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SENATE BILL 22

Short Title: Dry Hydrant Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Conder; Albertson, Hoyle, and Warren.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
3 NONPRESSURIZED DRY FIRE HYDRANTS IN RURAL AREAS OF THE
4 STATE.

Whereas, there are approximately 950 rural volunteer fire departments serving over 4,000 square miles of privately owned land and property in North Carolina; and

Whereas, many areas of the State lack water mains and domestic fire hydrants, which causes a delayed response time to fire emergencies; and

Whereas, nonpressurized dry hydrants can be placed on existing natural and man-made water sources such as ponds, rivers, creeks, drainage canals, and lakes to provide dependable fire protection in all weather conditions; and

Whereas, dry hydrants provide safe water intake points for volunteer fire-fighting personnel; and

Whereas, the use of dry hydrants will increase rural fire protection capability and efficiency and may save lives and reduce property loss; Now, therefore,

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
7 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of three million three hundred
8 thousand dollars (\$3,300,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year for the North Carolina Resource
9 Conservation and Development Association, a nonprofit corporation, to be used to

1 provide all counties of the State with materials and equipment to install approximately
2 5,000 dry hydrants in rural areas, consisting of at least 15 dry hydrants per county upon
3 application of the county.

4 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.