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SENATE BILL 1415*

Short Title: Funds/Adult Care Homes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Phillips.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 24, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ENABLE ADULT CARE HOMES TO
COMPLY WITH ADDITIONAL STATE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

Whereas, safety and protection for elderly and disabled persons in adult care homes is of paramount importance to members of the General Assembly, the adult care home industry, and the general public; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 10, 1999 General Assembly, enacted unfunded mandates to the adult care home industry; and

Whereas, adult care homes are required to submit audited reports of actual costs to the Department of Health and Human Services under G.S. 131D-4.2; and

Whereas, the 1999 audited cost reports verify a current operating deficit; and

Whereas, at least 23,400 adult care home residents rely on public funds to assist with paying for their care; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of thirty-two million two hundred ninety-two thousand dollars (\$32,292,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to fund increased health and safety protection activities required by newly adopted Medical Care Commission rules applicable to adult care homes, and to fund deficits verified in adult care home audited cost reports.

1 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.