

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 297**

Short Title: Drag Racing Hall of Fame Museum Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Crawford; Earle and Wray.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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February 22, 2007

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EAST  
3 COAST DRAG RACING HALL OF FAME MUSEUM.

4                   Whereas, the City of Henderson is the location of the annual East Coast Drag  
5 Times Hall of Fame, a three-day event held to celebrate the history of drag racing; and

6                   Whereas, plans have been made to establish a drag racing museum in  
7 Henderson to continue the legacy of drag racing on the East Coast for the enjoyment  
8 and education of future generations; and

9                   Whereas, the proposed East Coast Drag Racing Hall of Fame Museum will be  
10 a one-of-a-kind facility that will highlight the development of the automobile as a  
11 means of travel and its shift to a venue for sport and drag racing in North Carolina, as  
12 well as the East Coast; and

13                   Whereas, the museum will display nostalgia drag cars, muscle cars, antique  
14 cars, hot rods, and other drag race memorabilia; and

15                   Whereas, the museum will serve as a meeting facility to accommodate special  
16 events, racers, and manufacturers; and

17                   Whereas, the museum will hold seminars and workshops conducted by icons  
18 from the sport of drag racing and have hands-on displays; and

19                   Whereas, the East Coast Drag Racing Hall of Fame Museum will serve as a  
20 tourist destination and enhance tourism in Henderson and North Carolina; Now,  
21 therefore,

22 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

23                   **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the East Coast  
24 Drag Racing Hall of Fame Museum, Inc., a nonprofit organization, the sum of three  
25 million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year for the construction of the  
26 East Coast Drag Racing Hall of Fame Museum.

27                   **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.