

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 2043

Short Title: Waterfront Access and Marine Industry Fund. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Albertson; Dorsett, Goss, Hoyle, Jenkins, Preston, Purcell,
Queen, and Soles.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 28, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE WATERFRONT ACCESS AND THE
2 MARINE INDUSTRY FUND.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** In addition to the special indebtedness issued and incurred
6 pursuant to Section 29.14(a) of S.L. 2007-373, there is appropriated from the General
7 Fund to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Marine
8 Fisheries, the sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000), for fiscal year 2008-2009, to
9 be credited to the Waterfront Access and the Marine Industry Fund. The Director of the
10 Division of Marine Fisheries shall establish a program by which these additional funds
11 for the Waterfront Access and the Marine Industry Fund may be used. The Director may
12 consult with representatives of the commercial fishing industry and other marine
13 industries and with State, local, or nonprofit agencies that have expertise in waterfront
14 access issues and property acquisitions. The Director may establish a committee to
15 review potential property acquisitions and capital and infrastructure improvements.

16 **SECTION 2.** Prior to the expenditure of any funds appropriated by this act,
17 the Division shall report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Seafood and
18 Aquaculture. The Division also shall report to the Joint Legislative Committee on
19 Seafood and Aquaculture on the use of these funds on a quarterly basis until the funding
20 expires.

21 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.