

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 628  
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Short Title: Aquarium Satellite Areas Funding.

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March 18, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL  
2 RESOURCES TO EXPEND EXISTING MONEYS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
3 PROJECTS AT NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM SATELLITE AREAS.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6       Whereas, the unemployment rate for North Carolina reached 8.7% in December  
7 2008, the highest rate in more than 25 years; and

8       Whereas, the unemployment rates for December 2008 in Beaufort, Bertie, Chowan,  
9 Dare, Hyde, Martin, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties are all above the statewide  
10 average; and

11       Whereas, construction of the North Carolina Aquarium Pier at Nags Head will  
12 provide 555 on-site jobs and 1,250 off-site jobs and a benefit of more than \$14,000,000 to  
13 North Carolina's economy; and

14       Whereas, the North Carolina Aquarium Pier at Nags Head will serve as a significant  
15 demonstration of building features and construction techniques for reducing environmental  
16 impacts for public buildings in the coastal region of North Carolina, including cisterns, solar  
17 panels, and wind turbines for on-site clean power generation, and on-site containment and  
18 treatment of stormwater runoff; Now, therefore,

19       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly authorizes capital projects related to the  
20 construction of the North Carolina Aquarium Pier at Nags Head by the Aquariums Division of  
21 the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to be funded with receipts or from other  
22 non-General Fund sources and at a cost in aggregate for all projects not to exceed twenty-five  
23 million dollars (\$25,000,000).

24       **SECTION 2.** Funds transferred to the Department of Environment and Natural  
25 Resources by Section 21.14 of S.L. 2006-66 for a stormwater pilot project to clean up  
26 State-maintained ocean outfalls and associated outlets and not used for that purpose shall be  
27 transferred to the North Carolina Aquariums Fund.

28       **SECTION 3.** Should United States Public Law 111-005, the American Recovery  
29 and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Federal Act), provide funding for capital improvement  
30 projects described in Section 1 of this act, then those funds shall be used for the capital  
31 improvement projects before the funds transferred by Section 2 of this act.

32       **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

