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HOUSE BILL 353

Short Title: Funds for Planning New Maritime Museum. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives McElraft and Hardister (Primary Sponsors).
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March 14, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE MARITIME HERITAGE FOUNDATION OF
3 BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA, INC., TO COMPLETE A MASTER PLAN FOR A
4 NEW MARITIME MUSEUM IN BEAUFORT.

5 Whereas, plans have been made to construct a new North Carolina Maritime Museum
6 in the Town of Beaufort; and

7 Whereas, The Maritime Heritage Foundation has developed a Master Plan for the new
8 museum that would include a survey of the site, including a wetlands survey, an evaluation of
9 the site for regulatory zoning constraints, an analysis of historic and floodplain issues, an
10 environmental assessment study, an economic impact study, and other requirements, in keeping
11 with State and local regulations; and

12 Whereas, the Master Plan for the property would include museum site planning,
13 parking location and design, as well as placement of all ancillary buildings and activities.
14 Infrastructure plans including access roads, landscaping and site design, electrical service, and
15 water and sewer systems would be developed; and

16 Whereas, space design would identify primary users and appropriate spaces needed
17 for the future museum. Programs to identify space requirements would include individual room
18 square footage, primary exhibit and educational spaces, and special requirements for building
19 equipment such as mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and structural systems; and

20 Whereas, building design for the new museum would include attention to such items
21 as energy conservation, sustainable design and construction, and requirements to withstand
22 severe weather events in a coastal environment; and

23 Whereas, funding is needed to complete the Master Plan for the new museum; Now,
24 therefore,

25 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

26 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Maritime Heritage
27 Foundation of Beaufort, North Carolina, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of two million
28 dollars (\$2,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to begin the advance
29 planning phase focusing on the future construction of a new North Carolina Maritime Museum
30 in Beaufort at Gallants Channel. These funds shall be used for completing a Master Plan for the
31 31-acre site, including selecting an architect to begin preliminary designs for the museum and
32 hiring a project manager to manage the advance planning process.

33 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

