

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 418**

Short Title: Create NC Golf Council. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hardister, Boles, Grange, and Hunter (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Commerce, if favorable, Appropriations, Capital, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 25, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA GOLF COUNCIL TO PROMOTE AND  
CULTIVATE THE GAME OF GOLF IN THIS STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** Council Established. – There is established in the Department of Commerce the North Carolina Golf Council (Council) to promote and cultivate the game of golf in this State.

**SECTION 1.(b)** Membership. – The Council shall be composed of seven members as follows:

- (1) Three individuals appointed by the Governor.
- (2) Two individuals appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (3) Two individuals appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

**SECTION 1.(c)** Purpose of Council; Meetings. – The Council is charged with the promotion and cultivation of the game of golf in this State and with fostering the economic development, tourism, recreation, and community involvement that the growth of the sport can bring. The Council shall advise the Secretary of Commerce with recommendations on fostering economic growth and advancing the growth of recreational, collegiate, and professional golf. The Council shall meet at least quarterly and at other times upon the call of the chair. A quorum of the Council shall be four members.

**SECTION 1.(d)** Terms; Chair; Vacancies; Qualifications. – Members of the Council shall serve four-year terms. The Governor shall select the chair from among the appointed members. Any vacancy on the Council shall be filled by the appointing authority. The Governor shall have the power to remove any member of the Council from office in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 143B-16. No current member of the General Assembly or other person holding elected office, or any members of their immediate family, may serve on the Council. Members selected for appointment to the Council shall have a reasonable level of experience or knowledge related to the game of golf.

**SECTION 1.(e)** Expenses of Members; Staff. – Members of the Council shall receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 138-5. All clerical and other services required by the Council shall be supplied by the Secretary of Commerce.



1           **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
2 Commerce the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in recurring funds for the  
3 2019-2020 fiscal year for administrative costs related to the Council's activities.

4           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.