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HOUSE BILL 418
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/25/19

Short Title: Create NC Golf Council.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 25, 2019

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

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new Part to read:

7 "Part 23. Promotion of Golf.

8 **"§ 143B-472.130. Golf Council; creation; membership; purpose.**

9 (a) There is established in the Department of Commerce the North Carolina Golf Council,
10 herein referred to as "Council," to promote and cultivate the game of golf in this State.

11 (b) The Council is charged with the promotion and cultivation of the game of golf in this
12 State and with fostering the economic development, tourism, recreation, and community
13 involvement that the growth of the sport can bring. The Council shall advise the Secretary with
14 recommendations on fostering economic growth and advancing the growth of recreational, high
15 school, collegiate, and professional golf.

16 (c) The Council shall be composed of seven members, all with a reasonable level of
17 experience or knowledge related to the game of golf, as follows:

18 (1) Three individuals appointed by the Governor.

19 (2) Two individuals appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation
20 of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

21 (3) Two individuals appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation
22 of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

23 (d) Members of the Council shall serve four-year terms. The Governor shall select the
24 chair from among the appointed members. Any vacancy on the Council shall be filled by the
25 appointing authority. A member of the Council may be removed by the appointing authority for
26 misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance.

27 (e) The Council shall meet at least quarterly and at other times upon the call of the chair.
28 A quorum of the Council shall be four members.

29 (f) The Council shall be deemed a covered board for purposes of Subchapter II of Chapter
30 163A of the General Statutes. No current member of the General Assembly or other person
31 holding elected office, or any members of that person's immediate family, may serve on the
32 Council.

33 (g) Members of the Council shall receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence
34 expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 138-5. All clerical and other services required
35 by the Council shall be supplied by the Secretary."

36 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 120-123 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:



1 "(84) The North Carolina Golf Council of the Department of Commerce."
2 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
3 Commerce the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in recurring funds for the
4 2019-2020 fiscal year for administrative costs related to the Council's activities.
5 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.