

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1967 SESSION

CHAPTER 1240  
HOUSE BILL 297

1 AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 18-39(3) SO AS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR EDUCATION, RESEARCH,  
3 TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF ALCOHOLICS AND FOR  
4 CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF FACILITIES.

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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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8       **Section 1.** G.S. 18-39(3) is hereby amended by deleting the period following the  
9 words "general fund" in line 21 of said subsection, by inserting a comma in lieu thereof, and by  
10 adding the following words and punctuation: "and shall be subject to appropriation by the  
11 General Assembly to the same degree as any other monies deposited in said general fund."

12       **Sec. 2.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund to the Department of  
13 Mental Health the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for the biennium, 1967-  
14 1969, and during each biennium thereafter, which funds shall be expended for programs to be  
15 designated by the Department of Mental Health for alcoholic rehabilitation on the local level  
16 except that one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of said appropriation shall be used by  
17 the Department of Mental Health for establishment of a devision on alcoholism to direct and  
18 coordinate departmental alcoholism programs at the local level.

19       **Sec. 3.** Said funds shall be made available to local government alcoholic  
20 rehabilitation agencies to be used by such agencies in accordance with the alcoholic  
21 rehabilitation program of the Department of Mental Health, for local programs of education,  
22 treatment of alcoholics, and to provide counseling and advisory services to alcoholics and their  
23 families, and to any person directly affected by alcoholics and alcoholism.

24       **Sec. 4.** Before any funds shall be made available to any local government agency  
25 said agency shall have matched, on a dollar for dollar basis, the funds made available for the  
26 purposes herein stated.

27       **Sec. 5.** Any local government unit, whether city or county, may combine with any  
28 other local government unit or units to form a multi-city, or multi-county governmental agency  
29 for the purposes herein set forth. Before such agency shall be eligible to receive matching funds  
30 for the purposes herein expressed, it must have first submitted a plan for alcoholic  
31 rehabilitation, education and counseling which shall have been approved by the Department of  
32 Mental Health as being in accordance with the State-wide program. It shall be a pre-requisite to  
33 approval that at least fifty per cent (50%) of the total expenditure by any local agency shall be  
34 for programs of education in regard to alcoholism and for dissemination of facts regarding the  
35 use of beverage alcohol, and a portion of such fifty per cent (50%) of said funds shall be for  
36 counseling, advising and treating the spouses, members of the families of alcoholics, and any  
37 other persons directly affected by alcoholics and alcoholism when, in the opinion of the  
38 Department of Mental Health, such treatment of such persons would be necessary or advisable.

39       **Sec. 6.** Funds from the appropriation herein made may be expended for  
40 construction of local alcoholic rehabilitation centers, if matched for such purpose on a dollar  
41 for dollar basis, only if such construction shall have been approved by the Department of  
42 Mental Health, and express authorization shall have been granted by the General Assembly.

43       **Sec. 7.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

1           **Sec. 8.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.  
2           In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 6th day of July, 1967.