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Short Title: Veterans Cemeteries Funds.

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March 2, 1989

1    A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWO  
3 VETERANS CEMETERIES TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE THIRD AND  
4 ELEVENTH UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS AND TO  
5 ALLOW ANY UNEXPENDED FUNDS TO GO TOWARD THE COSTS OF THE  
6 THIRD VETERANS CEMETERY.

7                    Whereas, North Carolina has more than 680,000 veterans of military service;  
8 and

1           Whereas, those veterans deserve the opportunity to be buried in a veterans  
2 cemetery in recognition of their service to our country; and

3           Whereas, by 1992, all of the four national cemeteries in North Carolina will  
4 be filled, the Wilmington cemetery having filled and closed at the end of 1986; and

5           Whereas, the Veterans Administration has gone to a regional concept for  
6 national cemeteries, with the nearest such facility being in the State of Alabama; and

7           Whereas, veterans deserve burial in close proximity to their families and  
8 friends and deserve not to be transported to Alabama for burial; and

9           Whereas, the Veterans Administration matches state funds on a dollar-for-  
10 dollar basis to encourage states to build veterans cemeteries; Now, therefore,

11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12           Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of  
13 Veterans Affairs, Department of Administration, the sum of eight hundred thousand  
14 dollars (\$800,000) for the 1989-90 fiscal year for fees, advanced planning, site  
15 improvements, and construction costs of the two veterans cemeteries to be established  
16 in the 3rd and 11th United States Congressional Districts in accordance with Article 8A  
17 of Chapter 65 of the General Statutes.

18           Sec. 2. Funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act shall provide for the  
19 employment of one project manager and administrative expenses. The project manager  
20 shall be a time-limited position of no more than two years at a pay grade 74, subject to  
21 the provisions of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes.

22           Sec. 3. Funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act that are not expended by  
23 the end of the 1989-90 fiscal year may not revert, but shall be used for expenses allowed  
24 under Section 2 of this act, fees, planning, site improvements, or construction costs for  
25 the veterans cemetery to be established in the 7th United States Congressional District  
26 in accordance with Article 8A of Chapter 65 of the General Statutes.

27           Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.