

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1617

Short Title: Mountain Conifer Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Thompson; Beall, Berry, Brawley, J. Brown, Church, Colton, Crawford, Diamont, Flaherty, Holmes, R. Hunter, Ives, Jenkins, Justus, Nesbitt, Ramsey, Robinson, and Wilmoth.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 25, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF THE MOUNTAIN
3 CONIFER AND CHRISTMAS TREE INDUSTRY.

4 Whereas, the growth of conifers for the Christmas tree industry is a major
5 industry in Western North Carolina; and

6 Whereas, the sale of Christmas trees grown in Western North Carolina
7 contributes \$70 million annually to the region's economy; Now, therefore,
8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
10 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of seventy thousand dollars
11 (\$70,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the Cooperative Extension Service at North
12 Carolina State University to establish an area extension specialist position located at the
13 Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station at Fletcher. This position shall provide
14 support to North Carolina's mountain conifer and Christmas tree industries. The
15 Cooperative Extension Service at North Carolina State University shall consult with
16 representative groups of Christmas tree growers in this region in developing guidelines
17 for this position and in filling the position.

18 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.