

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE BILL 550**

Short Title: Oyster Hatcheries at Aquariums/Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Boseman and Thomas.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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March 15, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
2 ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO PLAN FOR THE  
3 DEVELOPMENT OF OYSTER HATCHERIES AT EACH OF THE THREE  
4 NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUMS AND TO DEVELOP PUBLIC EDUCATION  
5 PROGRAMS REGARDING THOSE OYSTER HATCHERIES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Division of North Carolina Aquariums of the Department  
8 of Environment and Natural Resources shall plan for the development of an oyster  
9 hatchery and public education program regarding the hatcheries at each of the three  
10 North Carolina aquariums. The Division shall be the lead agency in planning the  
11 development of the hatcheries and public education programs but shall consult with all  
12 of the following in carrying out this project: Division of Marine Fisheries of the  
13 Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Sea Grant College Program at The  
14 University of North Carolina, The University of North Carolina Coastal Studies  
15 Institute, Institute of Marine Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,  
16 the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and any other appropriate institutions  
17 of higher education.

18 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
19 Department of Environment and Natural Resources the sum of three hundred thousand  
20 dollars (\$300,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to be allocated to the Division of North  
21 Carolina Aquariums to implement this act.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.  
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