

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 229*

Short Title: Mattamuskeet Lodge Maintenance.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Spear.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources, if favorable, Appropriations.

February 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL LAKE MATTAMUSKEET LODGE
3 PRESERVATION ACT BY PROVIDING THAT THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES
4 COMMISSION SHALL RESTORE AND MAINTAIN THE LODGE IN
5 ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA ARCHIVES AND HISTORY
6 ACT AND TO PROVIDE FOR ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE REPAIRS AND
7 RENOVATIONS RESERVE ACCOUNT.

8 Whereas, the Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge Preservation Act, P.L. 109-358,
9 became law October 16, 2006, and provides for transfer to the State of North Carolina
10 of a parcel of real property consisting of approximately 6.25 acres and containing
11 Mattamuskeet Lodge and surrounding property, including the Mattamuskeet National
12 Wildlife Refuge headquarters; and

13 Whereas, Section 2(b) of that act provides the transfer is conditional on the
14 State of North Carolina agreeing to restore and maintain the lodge in accordance with
15 Article 1 of Chapter 121 of the General Statutes, the North Carolina Archives and
16 History Act; and

17 Whereas, the cited North Carolina law generally requires the Department of
18 Cultural Resources to acquire and maintain property; and

19 Whereas, due to the unique nature of the property, the Wildlife Resources
20 Commission is a more appropriate management agency; and

21 Whereas, funding from the Repairs and Renovations Reserve Account will
22 best assure stabilization of the property; Now, therefore,
23 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

24 **SECTION 1.** Article 1 of Chapter 121 of the General Statutes is amended by
25 adding a new section to read:

26 **"§ 121-9.1. Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge Preservation.**

27 (a) Notwithstanding G.S. 121-9, the State of North Carolina accepts the transfer
28 of the Mattamuskeet Lodge and surrounding property to the State under the Lake

1 Mattamuskeet Lodge Preservation Act, P.L. 109-358. The property shall be managed by
2 the Wildlife Resources Commission.

3 (b) Repair and renovation of the Mattamuskeet Lodge is an eligible expenditure
4 of the Repairs and Renovations Reserve Account under G.S. 143-15.3A. Any plans for
5 repair and renovation are subject to review by the North Carolina Historical
6 Commission."

7 **SECTION 2.** Effective July 1, 2007, G.S. 121-9.1(b), as enacted by Section
8 1 of this act, reads as rewritten:

9 "(b) Repair and renovation of the Mattamuskeet Lodge is an eligible expenditure
10 of the Repairs and Renovations Reserve Account under ~~G.S. 143-15.3A~~ G.S. 143C-4-3.
11 Any plans for repair and renovation are subject to review by the North Carolina
12 Historical Commission."

13 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.