

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 157**

Short Title: Adult Homes Staff Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Lucas; Ballance, Ballantine, Carpenter, Carter, Cochrane, Dannelly, Forrester, Garrou, Jordan, Kinnaird, Lee, Metcalf, Phillips, Shaw of Cumberland, and Wellons.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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February 22, 1999

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF POSITIONS TO ENSURE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE OF ADULT CARE HOMES.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Facility Services, the sum of two million one hundred thirty-eight thousand six hundred eighty-four dollars (\$2,138,684) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of three million eight hundred twenty thousand nine hundred seventy dollars (\$3,820,970) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to fund additional staff positions to ensure regulatory compliance of adult day care homes. These funds shall be used to fund the following:

- (1) Nine positions in the Construction Section to routinely inspect existing adult care homes at least once every two years.
- (2) 13 positions in the Licensure and Certification Section to routinely inspect adult care home units located in nursing homes.
- (3) 12 positions in the Licensure and Certification Section to investigate and act on nursing home complaints.

- 1           (4)    Four positions to inspect problem facilities.  
2           (5)    30 positions in the Group Care Section to routinely inspect over 2,000  
3            mental health facilities at least once every two years to ensure basic  
4            health and safety.  
5           (6)    Two positions to handle abuse and neglect investigations when all  
6            facilities subject to the law begin reporting at the projected level.  
7           Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.