GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 872*

Short Title: New River State Park/Acreage Limit.

Sponsors: Senators Foxx; Albertson, Allran, Ballantine, Carpenter, Carrington, Carter, Clodfelter, Cochrane, East, Forrester, Garrou, Garwood, Gulley, Horton, Kinnaird, Lee, Metcalf, Phillips, Rand, Reeves, Rucho, Shaw of Guilford, and Wellons.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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For purposes of implementing this section and the management plan, the Department 1 2 is authorized to may acquire lands or interests in lands not to exceed 2,200 acres, to lands, 3 acquire such the lands in fee simple or to acquire such the interests in lands as easements, 4 for inclusion in the New River State Park, to-provide for protection of scenic values as 5 described in G.S. 113A-38, and to-provide for public access. Easements obtained for the 6 purpose of implementing this section and the management plan shall not abridge the 7 water rights being exercised on May 26, 1975. 8 Should the Governor seek inclusion of the said-this river segment in the National 9 System of Wild and Scenic Rivers by action of the Secretary of Interior, such inclusion shall be at no cost to the federal government, as prescribed in the National Wild and

shall be at no cost to the federal government, as prescribed in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and therefore shall be under the terms described in this section of the North Carolina Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and in the management plan developed pursuant thereto."

14 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.