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Short Title: Dept. of Cultural Resources Admissions Fees-AB. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 1, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES TO CHARGE AN ADMISSION FEE TO ANY MUSEUM, HISTORIC PROPERTY, OR OTHER LOCATION OR EVENT ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 2 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 143B-53.1. Admissions fees.**

(a) Admissions Fees Authorized. -- In addition to powers granted pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 121 of the General Statutes, the Department of Cultural Resources may charge an admission fee to any museum, historic property, or other location or event administered by the Department. Admission fees collected under this section are receipts of the Department and shall be deposited in the Cultural Resources Account.

(b) Nonreverting Account. -- The Cultural Resources Account is established as a nonreverting account within the Department of Cultural Resources. The Department shall retain unbudgeted receipts and deposit these receipts into the Account. Funds in the Account shall be used for maintenance, repairs, renovations, and any other purpose deemed necessary by the Secretary of Cultural Resources.

(c) Rule Making. -- The Secretary of Cultural Resources may adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

(d) Annual Report. -- The Department of Cultural Resources shall provide an annual report on the use of fees collected pursuant to this section to the Office of State Budget, Planning, and Management and to the Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative Services Office."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective 30 June 2001 and applies to unbudgeted receipts of the Department of Cultural Resources beginning with the 2000-2001 fiscal year.