

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**HOUSE BILL 48\***

Short Title: North Carolina: Moving Ahead!. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Crawford, Cole (Primary Sponsors); Culpepper, Dickson, Glazier, Lucas, Luebke, and A. Williams.

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Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Appropriations.

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February 20, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT NORTH CAROLINA: MOVING AHEAD! BY  
2 ALLOWING CASH BALANCES IN THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND TO BE  
3 USED TO MEET CRUCIAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-176 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "(a2) The Department may use three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) in  
8 fiscal year 2003-2004 and four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) in fiscal year  
9 2004-2005 of the cash balance of the Highway Trust Fund for the following purposes:

10 (1) For highway system preservation and maintenance; modernization of  
11 existing roadways, signs, signals, and traffic control devices; and  
12 resurfacing of roadways.

13 (2) For improving the modal choices available by funding, planning, and  
14 implementation of regional public transit systems; modernization of  
15 rural and urban transit systems operating equipment; improvements to  
16 rail facilities; improvements to the ferry system; and to assist  
17 municipalities in incorporating bicycle and pedestrian options into  
18 their transportation plans."

19 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.