

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

**SESSION LAW 2007-359
HOUSE BILL 958**

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE GRAVEYARD OF THE ATLANTIC MUSEUM AS
A MEMBER OF THE STATE HISTORY MUSEUMS DIVISION IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"§ 121-7.4. Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum.

The Department of Cultural Resources shall assume from the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, the administration of the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum on Hatteras Island and shall designate it as a member of the State History Museums Division, in accordance with the feasibility study conducted by the Department."

SECTION 1.(b) Subject to the provisions of G.S. 121-9 and contingent upon successful lease negotiations with the National Park Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, this section becomes effective only if the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum transfers and conveys to the State all its assets.

SECTION 2. If funds are appropriated by the 2007 General Assembly to a reserve for pending legislation, then of those funds, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year shall be allocated to the Department of Cultural Resources to assume administration of the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum and designate it as a member of the State History Museums Division. The Department may use the funds to create up to six new positions to staff the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum.

SECTION 3. Except as provided in Section 1 of this act, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of July, 2007.

s/ Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 12:38 p.m. this 17th day of August, 2007