

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 562

Short Title: Funds/COPs for VIPER.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL INDEBTEDNESS FOR
3 EQUIPMENT COSTS OF THE VOICE INTEROPERABILITY PLAN FOR
4 EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR
5 THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** In accordance with G.S. 142-83, this section authorizes the
8 issuance or incurrence of special indebtedness in the maximum aggregate principal
9 amount of one hundred six million dollars (\$106,000,000) to finance the equipment
10 costs of the Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders coordinated by the
11 Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. The State, with the prior approval of
12 the State Treasurer and the Council of State, as provided in Article 9 of Chapter 142 of
13 the General Statutes, is authorized to issue or incur special indebtedness in order to
14 provide funds to the State to be used, together with other available funds, to pay the
15 equipment costs of the project described in this section.

16 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the
17 Department of Crime Control and Public Safety the sum of seven million five hundred
18 thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) for each year of the 2007-2009 fiscal biennium for the
19 support and maintenance of the Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders.
20 It is the intent of the General Assembly that this become a recurring appropriation.

21 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2007. The
22 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.