GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

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Short Title: 2007 Military Support Act.

Sponsors:

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1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2007 SOLDIER, SAILOR, MARINE, AIRMEN, AND
3	GUARDSMEN SUPPORT ACT.
4	Whereas, North Carolina is the home of Fort Bragg, and the XVIII Airborne
5	Corps, with the 82 nd Airborne Division as the Army's premier force to project power
6	anywhere in the world on little or no notice; and
7	Whereas, Fort Bragg is the home of the U.S. Army Special Operations
8	Command, the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, and of
9	all Army Special Forces soldiers; and
10	Whereas, Pope Air Force Base and the 317 th Airlift Wing play a vital role in
11	our nation's defense by providing the means to deliver troops and equipment wherever
12	needed in the world; and
13	Whereas, North Carolina is the home of Camp Lejeune, one of the nation's
14	largest Marine Corps bases, and provides the training necessary to keep the Marines in a
15	high state of readiness for any mission; and
16	Whereas, North Carolina is the home of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base,
17	the base of an active air combat wing that can deploy worldwide on short notice and
18	immediately generate combat power; and
19	Whereas, North Carolina is the home of the largest Marine Corps air station
20	in the world, Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, and is the home of the 2 nd Marine
21	Corps Aircraft Wing, the Naval Air Depot, and the Marine Corps Air Station at New
22	River; and
23	Whereas, North Carolina is the home of several United States Coast Guard
24	stations, including the United States Coast Guard Air Station at Elizabeth City, with
25	missions that include search and rescue, international ice patrol, maritime law
26	enforcement, aids to navigation, and environmental response; and
27	Whereas, North Carolina ranks high in the United States with 4.5% of the
28	total military payroll, and defense spending in the 2002 federal fiscal year in North
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29 Carolina was approximately \$6.7 billion; and

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General Assembly of North Carolina

1 2 3	Whereas, the military in North Carolina materially affects North Carolina's economy, generating approximately \$18 billion per year; Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
4 5	PART I. FINDINGS.
6	SECTION 1.1. The General Assembly expresses its appreciation to the
7	Department of Defense for the military bases and installations that are located in the
8	State of North Carolina and that are vital parts of the national defense of the United
9	States.
10	SECTION 1.2. The General Assembly declares its full support for its
11	military installations and acknowledges the important role of the military in North
12	Carolina's economy.
13	SECTION 1.3. The General Assembly has enacted several recent acts to
14	accommodate the military and intends to continue:
15	(1) S.L. 2005-232 (deployed personnel get extension to renew concealed
16	handgun permit).
17	(2) S.L. 2005-445 (appropriating funds to the Military Morale, Recreation,
18	and Welfare Fund; appropriating funds to the Conservation Grant Fund
19 20	for compatible land use and conservation easement type acquisitions of
20 21	land adjacent to military bases and flyways).(3) S.L. 2006-158 (protecting military personnel and veterans from
21	(3) S.L. 2006-158 (protecting military personnel and veterans from identity theft).
22	(4) S.L. 2006-169 (prohibiting disorderly conduct at military funeral or
23	memorial service).
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26	PART II. MILITARY MORALE, RECREATION, AND WELFARE FUNDS,
27	CONSERVATION GRANT FUNDS.
28	SECTION 2.1.(a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to a Reserve
29	for the Military Morale, Recreation, and Welfare Fund in the Office of State Budget and
30	Management for the 2007-2008 fiscal year the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).
31	SECTION 2.1.(b) The Office of State Budget and Management shall
32	distribute for the purposes described in this section the amount appropriated by
33	subsection (a) of this section. That amount shall be distributed to each military
34	installation on a per capita basis.
35	SECTION 2.1.(c) Funds distributed to a military installation exchange under
36	this section must be deposited in the Military Morale, Recreation, and Welfare Fund for
37	that installation and used only for community services and other expenditures to
38 39	improve quality of life programs for military members and their families in North Carolina.
40	SECTION 2.2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
40 41	Conservation Grant Fund established under G.S. 113A-232 for the 2007-2008 fiscal
42	year the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Funds distributed to the Conservation
43	Grant Fund under this section must be used for compatible land use and conservation
44	easement type acquisitions of land adjacent to military bases and flyways. Funds may

1	also be used for the reimbursement of transaction costs, management support, planning,
2	mapping, monitoring, education, stewardship, and administrative costs related to
3	property acquisition.
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5	PART III. EFFECTIVE DATE.
6	SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.