GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

H HOUSE DRH30031-LG-33 (1/4)

Short Title: Iredell Cattle Expo Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Howard and Ray (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CATTLE AND LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION CENTER IN IREDELL COUNTY.

Whereas, during the 1990s, plans were made to construct a Cattle and Livestock Exposition Center in Iredell County; and

Whereas, the State appropriated funds to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for this project, including an appropriation of \$600,000 for the 1997-98 fiscal year, of which the Department expended \$417,649 for planning and design of this facility; and

Whereas, in 1998, the State appropriated \$6,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the construction of this facility, however, that appropriation and an additional \$157,730 were transferred to the Hurricane Disaster Relief Fund at the beginning of the 1999-2000 fiscal year due to the devastation of Hurricane Floyd; and

Whereas, the State has not restored the funding for this project but still owns the property in Iredell County where the facility will be located; and

Whereas, Iredell County and the City of Statesville, having expended resources and funding for this project, are still committed to the project; Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of six million one hundred fifty-seven thousand seven hundred thirty dollars (\$6,157,730) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to construct the Cattle and Livestock Exposition Center in Iredell County.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.