

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 254\***

Short Title: Tobacco Museum Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Speed; Sherron, Albertson, Warren, and Soles.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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February 19, 1993

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOBACCO FARM LIFE MUSEUM.**

Whereas, the Tobacco Farm Life Museum is located in Kenly, North Carolina, on U.S. Highway 301 in the heart of the State's major tobacco growing and marketing region; and

Whereas, the mission of the Tobacco Farm Life Museum is to preserve the history and cultural heritage of the eastern North Carolina farm family and to interpret and present this legacy to the public; and

Whereas, the Tobacco Farm Life Museum seeks to fulfill its mission by collecting, researching, documenting, preserving, and exhibiting tangible objects which relate directly to the historic evolution and the social impact of the eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco farm family; and

Whereas, the Tobacco Farm Life Museum, also preserves important information on farm life relating to other significant commodities grown on eastern North Carolina farms, including cotton, corn, soybeans, grains, livestock, poultry, vegetables, and forestry products; and

Whereas, the Tobacco Farm Life Museum is an educational institution that endeavors to present modern day farm life in addition to the historical development of farm life; and

Whereas, in 1992, the Tobacco Farm Life Museum had more than 11,000 visitors from 47 states and 36 foreign countries; and

Whereas, in 1992, more than 3,000 school students from 12 North Carolina counties visited the Tobacco Farm Life Museum; and

1           Whereas, the Tobacco Farm Life Museum has been recognized for its fine  
2 work, including receiving a commendation from the American Association of State and  
3 Local History for its restoration of the Iredell Brown Farmstead, being named one of the  
4 first eight Regional History Site Candidates by the North Carolina Division of Archives  
5 and History, and serving as a resource for many fledgling museums from across the  
6 State, and in other regions; and

7           Whereas, the Tobacco Farm Life Museum is supported by governmental  
8 grants, foundations, corporate contributions, memberships, fund-raising events,  
9 admissions, and gift shop sales; and

10           Whereas, the General Assembly desires to provide funds to the Tobacco Farm  
11 Life Museum so that it may continue to serve the many families, school groups,  
12 agricultural groups, senior citizens, and interstate travelers who learn and benefit from  
13 its programs; Now, therefore,

14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

15           Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Tobacco Farm  
16 Life Museum, Inc., for fiscal year 1993-94 the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars  
17 (\$25,000) to be used by the Tobacco Farm Life Museum, Inc., to fund programs for the  
18 preservation of the history and cultural heritage of the eastern North Carolina farm  
19 family.

20           Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.