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HOUSE BILL 1000

Short Title: Forestry Fire Protection Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Mercer; Goodwin, Mosley, and Moore.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 17, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT,
HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES, FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION,
FOR THE RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM.**

Whereas, the Forest Resource Division's Rural Community Fire Protection Program (RCFP) has provided funding, surplus government fire trucks, fire-fighting equipment, and training to the rural fire departments of North Carolina since 1970; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture has reduced available federal funding to where the State program is no longer efficient or able to provide adequate support to the rural volunteer fire departments in North Carolina; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, Forest Resources Division, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year for the Rural Community Fire Protection Program (RCFP) to provide needed equipment and assistance to rural fire departments.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.