

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 246\*

Short Title: Amend Natural Heritage Trust Fund.

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Sponsors: Representatives Mitchell; Weatherly and Nichols.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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February 17, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND EXTEND THE PROTECTION OF THE STATE'S  
2 NATURAL LANDS BY EXTENDING THE AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES  
3 FROM THE NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST FUND AND BY ALLOWING  
4 QUALIFIED PRIVATE NONPROFIT LAND TRUST ORGANIZATIONS TO  
5 HOLD TITLE TO ACQUIRED LANDS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
6 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.  
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 Section 1. G.S. 113-77.9(c) reads as rewritten:

10 "(c) The Trustees may authorize expenditures from the Fund to pay for the  
11 ~~inventory~~inventory, the conservation and protection planning, or the identification and  
12 education of owners of natural areas by the Secretary's Natural Heritage Program  
13 conducted pursuant to Chapter 113A, Article 9A, of the General Statutes."

14 Section 2. G.S. 113-77.9(d) reads as rewritten:

15 "(d) The Department of Administration may, pursuant to G.S. 143-341, acquire by  
16 purchase, gift, or devise all lands selected by the Trustees for acquisition pursuant to this  
17 Article. Title to any land acquired pursuant to this Article shall be vested in the ~~State~~.  
18 State or in private nonprofit land trust organizations qualified pursuant to G.S. 105-  
19 151.12 and G.S. 105-130.34 and certified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
20 Code. State agencies with management responsibilities for lands acquired pursuant to

1 this Article may enter into management agreements in the form of leases with counties,  
2 cities, ~~and towns~~ towns, or these qualified private nonprofit land trust organizations to aid  
3 in managing the lands, and such lease agreements shall be executed by the Department of  
4 Administration pursuant to G.S. 143-341."

5 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.