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**S 788. NATURAL HERITAGE FUND/PRIVATE GRANTS. TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PRIVATE NONPROFIT LAND CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN LANDS WITH FUNDS FROM THE NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST FUND UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

Amends GS 113-77.9 to allow a private nonprofit land conservation organization to acquire lands selected by trustees of Natural Heritage Trust Fund, pursuant to GS 113-77.9(b)(1) or (b)(2), but not (b)(3), if the organization (a) is organized to receive and administer lands for conservation purposes and is qualified to receive charitable contributions pursuant to GS 105-130.9; (b) enters into a management agreement with Sec'y of DENR; (c) dedicates the land as a nature preserve pursuant to GS 113A-164.6; and (d) executes deed of assignment for state to assume control of land if organization ceases to exist or Sec'y determines organization has failed to enforce terms of management agreement. Makes additional conforming changes. Effective July 1, 1999; applies to land acquisitions funded by Natural Heritage Trust Fund on or after that date.

**Intro. by Clodfelter.**

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