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HOUSE BILL DRH40080-LGa-35

Short Title: Funds/New North Carolina Maritime Museum. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative McElraft.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE MARITIME HERITAGE FOUNDATION OF  
3 BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA, INC., TO COMPLETE A MASTER SITE PLAN FOR  
4 A NEW MARITIME MUSEUM IN BEAUFORT.

5 Whereas, plans have been made to construct a new North Carolina Maritime Museum  
6 in the Town of Beaufort; and

7 Whereas, The Maritime Heritage Foundation has initiated a Master Site Plan for the  
8 new museum that would include a survey of the site, including a wetlands survey, an evaluation  
9 of the site for regulatory zoning requirements, an analysis of floodplain, as well as historic issues,  
10 an environmental assessment study, an economic impact study, and other requirements, in  
11 keeping with State and local regulations; and

12 Whereas, the Master Site Plan for the property will include museum site planning,  
13 parking location and design, as well as placement of all buildings and activities. Infrastructure  
14 plans, including access roads, landscaping, waterfront access and docks, site design, electrical  
15 service, and water and sewer systems, would be developed; and

16 Whereas, space design for a new museum would identify primary users and  
17 appropriate spaces needed for a future building. Programs to identify space requirements would  
18 include individual room square footage, primary exhibit and educational spaces, and special  
19 requirements for building equipment such as mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and structural  
20 systems; and

21 Whereas, building design for the new museum would include attention to such items  
22 as energy conservation, sustainable design and construction, and requirements to withstand  
23 severe weather events in a coastal environment; and

24 Whereas, funding is needed to complete the Master Site Plan for the new museum in  
25 Beaufort; Now, therefore,

26 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

27 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Maritime Heritage  
28 Foundation of Beaufort, North Carolina, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of three million  
29 dollars (\$3,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to begin the advance  
30 planning phase focusing on the future construction of a new North Carolina Maritime Museum  
31 in Beaufort at Gallants Channel. These funds shall be used for completing a Master Site Plan for  
32 the 25.38+ acre site; hiring an architect to design the new museum and all other facilities; hiring  
33 a project manager to supervise the planning process; undertaking actions to maintain, protect,  
34 and secure boundaries and public access to the site and the waterfront; and undertaking all  
35 utilities, site, and infrastructure improvements.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

