

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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HOUSE BILL 1179

Short Title: Economic Development Funds.

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Sponsors: Representative H. Hunter.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 29, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE LAND LOSS PREVENTION PROJECT, INC., TO PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED FAMILY FARMERS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce, the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the 1997-97 fiscal year and the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,00) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to be allocated to the Land Loss Prevention Project, Inc., to provide free legal assistance to financially distressed family farmers. The Land Loss Prevention Project, Inc., shall not use these funds to represent farmers who have income and assets that would make them financially ineligible for legal services pursuant to Title 45, Part 1611 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Land Loss Prevention Project, Inc., shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on October 1 and March 1 of each fiscal year, and more frequently as requested by the Commission, on the use of these funds.

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