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SENATE BILL 454*

Short Title: South Mountains Gamelands Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hoyle, Kincaid, Dalton; Albertson, Allran, Forrester, Garwood, and Martin of Pitt.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 24, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES
COMMISSION FOR ACQUISITION OF GAMELANDS IN THE SOUTH
MOUNTAINS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Wildlife Resources Commission the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year to assist in the acquisition of gamelands for hunting, fishing, outdoor recreation, and conservation in the South Mountains. The Wildlife Resources Commission may use and seek additional funds from the Wildlife Endowment Fund established in G.S. 143-250.1, private citizens, private nonprofit conservation organizations, the Clean Water Management Fund established in Article 13A of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes, the Natural Heritage Trust Fund established in Article 5A of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes, and local governments to acquire gamelands in the South Mountains. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall work with citizens and local governments to develop a management plan for its gamelands in the South Mountains.

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