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HOUSE BILL DRH10188-MQa-28

Short Title: Create NC Golf Council. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hardister, Boles, Grange, and Hunter (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA GOLF COUNCIL TO PROMOTE AND
3 CULTIVATE THE GAME OF GOLF IN THIS STATE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** Council Established. – There is established in the Department of
6 Commerce the North Carolina Golf Council (Council) to promote and cultivate the game of golf
7 in this State.

8 **SECTION 1.(b)** Membership. – The Council shall be composed of seven members
9 as follows:

- 10 (1) Three individuals appointed by the Governor.
11 (2) Two individuals appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation
12 of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
13 (3) Two individuals appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation
14 of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

15 **SECTION 1.(c)** Purpose of Council; Meetings. – The Council is charged with the
16 promotion and cultivation of the game of golf in this State and with fostering the economic
17 development, tourism, recreation, and community involvement that the growth of the sport can
18 bring. The Council shall advise the Secretary of Commerce with recommendations on fostering
19 economic growth and advancing the growth of recreational, collegiate, and professional golf. The
20 Council shall meet at least quarterly and at other times upon the call of the chair. A quorum of
21 the Council shall be four members.

22 **SECTION 1.(d)** Terms; Chair; Vacancies; Qualifications. – Members of the Council
23 shall serve four-year terms. The Governor shall select the chair from among the appointed
24 members. Any vacancy on the Council shall be filled by the appointing authority. The Governor
25 shall have the power to remove any member of the Council from office in accordance with the
26 provisions of G.S. 143B-16. No current member of the General Assembly or other person holding
27 elected office, or any members of their immediate family, may serve on the Council. Members
28 selected for appointment to the Council shall have a reasonable level of experience or knowledge
29 related to the game of golf.

30 **SECTION 1.(e)** Expenses of Members; Staff. – Members of the Council shall
31 receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with the provisions
32 of G.S. 138-5. All clerical and other services required by the Council shall be supplied by the
33 Secretary of Commerce.

34 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
35 Commerce the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in recurring funds for the
36 2019-2020 fiscal year for administrative costs related to the Council's activities.



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SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.