



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
House Bill 441

AMENDMENT NO. A5
(to be filled in by
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Amends Title [YES]
Second Edition

Date _____, 2025

Senator Hanig

1 moves to amend the bill by rewriting the Short Title to read "Shrimp Trawling Transition
2 Program";

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4 and on page 1, lines 5-6, by rewriting the lines to read "NET BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2023,
5 AND JUNE 30, 2025, AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING
6 TRANSITION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.";

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8 and on page 1, lines 12-13, by rewriting the lines to read:
9 "Marine Fisheries (Division). Funding for the Program shall come from the North Carolina
10 Commercial Fishing Transition Fund. The";

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12 and on page 2, line 30 through page 5, line 38, by rewriting the lines to read:

13 **"COMMERCIAL FISHING TRANSITION FUNDING**

14 **SECTION 2.(a)** There is established the Commercial Fishing Transition Fund
15 (Transition Fund) in the Office of State Treasurer. The purpose of the Transition Fund is to
16 provide funds to implement the Shrimp Trawl Transition Program created in Section 1 of this act
17 and to provide additional funds for workforce development programs provided by the
18 Community College System and for aquaculture development grants.

19 **SECTION 2.(b)** The sum of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) in
20 nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is transferred from the Savings Reserve to the
21 Commercial Fishing Transition Fund established in subsection (a) of this section. These funds
22 shall be allocated as follows:

23 (1) Two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) to be transferred to the
24 Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Marine Fisheries, for the
25 Transition Payment Program established in Section 1 of this act.

26 (2) Two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) to be transferred to the
27 Community Colleges System Office for grants under the Short-Term
28 Workforce Development Grant Program established by G.S. 115D-5.1A for
29 eligible persons as defined in Section 1(a) of this act and their immediate
30 family members. The maximum award amount for persons awarded grants
31 under this section shall, notwithstanding G.S. 115D-5.1A(c), be seven
32 thousand five hundred dollars (\$7500).



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(3) Fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to be transferred to North Carolina State University for the Sea Grant program to provide the nonfederal share or cost-match for existing grant programs intended to help foster the expansion of sustainable U.S. marine aquaculture. If existing federal programs are not funded or no grant applicants in the State are selected to receive funding, North Carolina Sea Grant may reward individuals grants of no more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to assist private persons, partnerships, or small businesses associated with eligible persons as defined in Section 1(a) of this act and their immediate family members with initial capital expenses associated with a sustainable marine aquaculture operation. If North Carolina Sea Grant decides to provide direct grants under this subdivision, it shall develop eligibility criteria, application procedures, and time lines.

SECTION 2.(c) If House Bill 442, 2025 Regular Session, becomes law, then this section becomes effective July 1, 2025."

SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED _____
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

ADOPTED _____ FAILED _____ TABLED _____