GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 830

Short Title: Adopt State Fruit. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Ballantine; Allran, Ballance, Blust, Carrington, Forrester, Foxx, Garwood, Hoyle, Jenkins, Kinnaird, Lee, Lucas, Martin of Pitt, McDaniel, Rand, Reeves, Rucho, Weinstein, and Wellons.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

April 14, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADOPT THE APPLE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE FRUIT.

Whereas, the apple is a nonfat, healthy fruit that provides the body with essential nutrients such as vitamins A and C and the mineral potassium; and

Whereas, apples may be served raw or cooked, may be eaten alone, or used as an ingredient in a number of recipes; and

Whereas, apple trees have a long life span and are able to bear fruit for many years; and

Whereas, a variety of apples are grown in all three regions of the State of North Carolina; and

Whereas, apples are the leading fruit crop in the State; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 145-18. State fruit.**

The apple is adopted as the official fruit of the State of North Carolina."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.