

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009

SESSION LAW 2010-6  
HOUSE BILL 1251

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE COLONIAL SPANISH MUSTANG AS THE OFFICIAL  
HORSE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the wild horses living along the Outer Banks of North Carolina are considered to be descendants of the horses brought to the Americas by Spanish explorers and colonists beginning in the 16<sup>th</sup> century; and

Whereas, these horses are known as Colonial Spanish Mustangs; and

Whereas, these Colonial Spanish Mustangs have played a significant role in the history and culture of North Carolina's coastal area for hundreds of years; 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:

**"§ 145-31. State horse.**

The Colonial Spanish Mustang is adopted as the official horse of the State of North Carolina."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2010.

s/ Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
Governor

Approved 4:48 p.m. this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010

