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HOUSE BILL 394  
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Short Title: Official State Cookie.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 21, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN COOKIE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE COOKIE.

3 Whereas, during the 18th century, settlers from the European kingdom of Moravia  
4 traveled to America and founded the town of Salem (now Winston-Salem) in North Carolina in  
5 1766; and

6 Whereas, when the Moravians settled in North Carolina, they brought with them a  
7 spice cookie similar to the German Lebkuchen cookie; and

8 Whereas, these thin spice cookies are known as Moravian cookies and made of  
9 ingredients such as molasses, allspice, and ginger; and

10 Whereas, the Moravian cookie is one of the most popular cookies in North Carolina;  
11 and

12 Whereas, Moravian cookies have been made and sold in Winston-Salem since the  
13 1950s and millions of pounds of cookies are baked, packaged, and distributed worldwide  
14 annually; and

15 Whereas, sales of Moravian cookies promote tourism in the State and contribute to  
16 the State's economy; and

17 Whereas, it is fitting to recognize the positive impact the Moravians have had on the  
18 State's culture by adopting the Moravian cookie as the official cookie of the State of North  
19 Carolina; and

20 Whereas, the Moravian cookie should be adopted as an official State symbol; Now,  
21 therefore,

22 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

23 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
24 section to read:

25 "**§ 145-52. Official State cookie.**

26 The Moravian cookie is adopted as the official cookie of the State of North Carolina."

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

