

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 412**

Short Title: Adopt State Poultry Festival. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Dixon.

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Referred to: Agriculture, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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March 21, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO ADOPT THE NORTH CAROLINA POULTRY JUBILEE AS THE OFFICIAL  
POULTRY FESTIVAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Rose Hill has been the home of the North Carolina Poultry Jubilee since 1963; and

Whereas, Rose Hill in Duplin County is the headquarters of one of the nation's largest poultry companies, House of Raeford Farms, Inc., and home to the world's largest functional frying pan, famous for being able to hold 200 gallons of cooking oil and cook 365 whole birds at one time; and

Whereas, Duplin County is the number one poultry-producing county in North Carolina; and

Whereas, the two-day North Carolina Poultry Jubilee held in the first weekend of November of each year celebrates and promotes North Carolina's poultry industry, including all poultry products produced in the State and all of the people who make it one of North Carolina's top industries; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Poultry Jubilee includes live entertainment, a pageant, a parade, a carnival, craft and food vendors, and mouthwatering fried chicken, and attracts more than 8,000 visitors each year; and

Whereas, proceeds from the Jubilee are used to support many worthwhile local charities; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Poultry Jubilee has always been known as a celebration of an industry, a people, and a way of life that helps keep North Carolina economically strong and a wonderful place to live, work, and play; 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:

**"§ 145-52. State poultry festival.**

The North Carolina Poultry Jubilee, held during the first full weekend of November of each year in the town of Rose Hill, is adopted as the official poultry festival of the State of North Carolina."

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

