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SENATE BILL DRS15180-LG-7

Short Title: Adopt State Nickname. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator D. Davis (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ADOPT "THE OLD NORTH STATE" AS THE OFFICIAL NICKNAME OF THE  
3 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, in 1710, the Carolina colony was divided into two colonies, North Carolina  
5 and South Carolina; and

6 Whereas, since that time North Carolina has been referred to as "The Old North  
7 State"; and

8 Whereas, both the official song and toast of North Carolina are known as "The Old  
9 North State"; and

10 Whereas, "The Old North State" should be adopted as the official nickname of North  
11 Carolina; Now, therefore,

12 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

13 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 149 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
14 section to read:

15 **"§ 149-3. State nickname.**

16 "The Old North State" shall be the official nickname of the State of North Carolina."

17 **SECTION 2.** The title of Chapter 149 of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

18 **"State Song and Toast, Song, Toast, and Nickname."**

19 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

