

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 932

Short Title: Carolina Tartan.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hurley; Albertson, Barbee, Beard, Bowie, Colton, Hasty, Jeralds, Jones, Justus, Kerr, McAllister, McLaughlin, Mercer, Rhodes, Rogers, Stewart, and Warner.

Referred to: State Government.

April 19, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ADOPT THE CAROLINA TARTAN AS THE OFFICIAL SCOTTISH
2 TARTAN OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.
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4 Whereas, Scottish families began to settle in both North and South Carolina
5 during the last two decades of the seventeenth century; and

6 Whereas, in the first half of the eighteenth century, large numbers of both
7 Highland Scots and Ulster Scots settled in the two Carolinas; and

8 Whereas, Scots became major elements of the population of both colonies;
9 and

10 Whereas, a tartan is a plaid textile design consisting of stripes of varying
11 width and color, each tartan unique to a clan, district, or group; and

12 Whereas, St. Andrews Societies are organizations for the celebration of things
13 Scottish; and

14 Whereas, St. Andrews Societies in North and South Carolina arranged for the
15 design of a Carolina Tartan and cosponsored the effort for adoption of the design by the
16 Scottish Tartans Society, which registered the Carolina Tartan in 1981, and

17 Whereas, those St. Andrews Societies believe that the Carolina Tartan was
18 the first one successfully advanced for a group of states in the United States, although
19 Canadian provinces had their distinctive tartans; and

20 Whereas, since 1981 tartans have been designed for other states; and

21 Whereas, the Carolina Tartan is a variation of a tartan associated with King
22 Charles II, who gave the grant in 1663 that made Carolina a proprietary colony; and

1 Whereas, there is a desire on the part of many North Carolina citizens of
2 Scottish descent to honor their ancestral ties; Now, therefore,
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

6 **"§ 145-15. State tartan.**

7 The Carolina Tartan is adopted as the official tartan of the State of North Carolina."

8 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.