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HOUSE BILL 433

Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee Substitute Adopted 8/1/07

Short Title: State Food Festival.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 1, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO ADOPT THE LEXINGTON BARBECUE FESTIVAL AS THE
3 OFFICIAL FOOD FESTIVAL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA PIEDMONT
4 TRIAD.

5 Whereas, the first barbecue restaurant opened in the Town of Lexington in
6 1919; and

7 Whereas, Lexington has become well known for its barbecue and has been
8 referred to as the Barbecue Capital of the World; and

9 Whereas, since 1984, Lexington has held an annual Barbecue Festival; and

10 Whereas, the Lexington Barbecue Festival has become one of the most
11 popular food festivals in the country; and

12 Whereas, at the Lexington Barbecue Festival more than 150,000 visitors
13 enjoy delicious food as well as a number of rides, games, and regional music; and

14 Whereas, during the Lexington Barbecue Festival, civic and nonprofit
15 organizations sponsor events and sell goods to raise funds and present educational
16 information to the public, and a number of local artists showcase and sell their crafts;
17 and

18 Whereas, the Lexington Barbecue Festival was named "One of the Top Ten
19 Food Festivals in the Country" by Travel and Leisure Magazine and a "Top 20 Event
20 for the Month of October 2002" by the Southeast Tourism Society; and

21 Whereas, the Piedmont Triad Region of the State of North Carolina does not
22 have an official food festival; Now, therefore,

23 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

26 **"§ 145-27. State food festival.**

27 **The Lexington Barbecue Festival is adopted as the official food festival of the**
28 **Piedmont Triad Region of the State of North Carolina.**

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