

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 713

Short Title: Carolina Tartan.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Tally; and Raynor.

Referred to: State Personnel and State Government.

April 18, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE CAROLINA TARTAN AS THE OFFICIAL
2 SCOTTISH 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

23 Whereas, there is a desire on the part of many North Carolina citizens of
24 Scottish descent to honor their ancestral ties; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

4 "**§ 145-15. State tartan.**

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

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