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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADOPT THE PLOTT HOUND AS THE OFFICIAL STATE DOG AND TO PROVIDE THAT LARCENY OF A PLOTT HOUND OR ANY OTHER DOG IS A CLASS H FELONY.

Whereas, it is generally known that the dog is mankind's best friend; and

Whereas, the Plott Hound breed originated in the mountains of North Carolina in 1750 and is the only breed known to have originated in this State; and

Whereas, the Plott Hound is a legendary hunting dog known as a most courageous fighter and tenacious tracker as well as a gentle and extremely loyal companion to the hunters of North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Plott Hound is regarded as having the most beautifully colored coat of any hound and a spine-tingling, bugle-like call; and

Whereas, the State of North Carolina is fortunate to have the Plott Hound, which is one of only four breeds known to be of American origin; 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:

"§ 145-13. The State dog.

(a) The Plott Hound is adopted as the official dog of the State of North Carolina.

(b) Larceny of a plott hound shall be punishable as provided in G.S. 14-81."

Sec. 2. G.S. 14-81 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-81. Larceny of horses, mules, swine, and ~~cattle~~-cattle, or dogs.

- 1 (a) Larceny of horses, mules, swine, ~~or cattle~~ cattle, or dogs is a Class H felony.
- 2 (b) In sentencing a person convicted of violating this section, the judge shall, as a
3 minimum punishment, place a person on probation subject to the following conditions:
- 4 (1) A person must make restitution for the damage or loss caused by the
5 larceny of the ~~livestock~~, livestock or dogs, and
- 6 (2) A person must pay a fine of not less than the amount of the damages or
7 loss caused by the larceny of the ~~livestock~~, livestock or dogs.
- 8 (c) No provision in this section shall limit the authority of the judge to sentence
9 the person convicted of violating this section to an active sentence."
- 10 Sec. 3. Section 2 of this act shall become effective October 1, 1989, and shall
11 apply to offenses occurring on or after that date. The remainder of this act is effective
12 upon ratification.