

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH70052-LG-33A* (1/27)

Short Title: Burgaw/Official State Blueberry Festival. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hughes.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE NORTH CAROLINA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL HELD IN
3 BURGAW AS THE OFFICIAL STATE BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL.
4 Whereas, the first blueberry cultivation in North Carolina began in Pender County;
5 and
6 Whereas, in 1936, Harold Huntington of Cooperstown, New York, bought 1,000
7 acres of land between the Towns of Atkinson and Ivanhoe and planted blueberry bushes that he
8 brought from New Jersey; and
9 Whereas, today, there are more than 2,900 harvestable acres of blueberries in the
10 State with an estimated value of over \$43 million; and
11 Whereas, the North Carolina Blueberry Festival, which celebrates the historical,
12 economic, and cultural significance of blueberries in southeastern North Carolina, has become
13 an annual event; Now, therefore,
14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
15 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
16 section to read:
17 "**§ 145-30. State Blueberry Festival.**
18 The North Carolina Blueberry Festival held in the Town of Burgaw is adopted as the
19 official blueberry festival of the State of North Carolina."
20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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