

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 832

Short Title: State Dog.

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Sponsors: Senators Swain; Guy, Marvin, Plyler, Tally, Ward, and Winner.

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Referred to: Rules.

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April 10, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADOPT THE PLOTT HOUND AS THE OFFICIAL STATE DOG.

Whereas, it is generally known that the dog is man'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 bear 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.**

The Plott Hound is adopted as the official dog of the State of North Carolina."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.