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HOUSE BILL 74
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H74-PCS40452-TY-6

Short Title: Adopt Bobcat as State Cat. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 9, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT ADOPTING THE BOBCAT AS THE OFFICIAL STATE CAT OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the bobcat is a member of the North American cat family and is found throughout North Carolina, especially in the wooded habitats of the coastal plain and mountains; and

Whereas, the bobcat is easily recognized by its short "bobbed" tail, round face with long hairs that resemble "sideburns," and pointed ears; and

Whereas, bobcats are somewhat larger than domestic cats, standing from 20 to almost 30 inches at the shoulder and weighing up to 40 pounds, with males being slightly larger than females; and

Whereas, bobcats are carnivores usually preying on rabbits and mice, but are also known to eat other animals, including deer, birds, raccoons, opossums, squirrels, and reptiles; and

Whereas, bobcats are active throughout the day, but are most active at dawn and dusk; and

Whereas, adopting the bobcat as the official State cat of North Carolina would help bring about awareness of this magnificent and beneficial animal; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new section to read:

"**§ 145-49. State cat.**

The bobcat, also known as the wildcat, is adopted as the official cat of the State of North Carolina."

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