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HOUSE BILL 425
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PROPOSED SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H425-PCS10512-BB-19

Short Title: State Woolly Worm Festival. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 22, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DESIGNATING THE WOOLLY WORM FESTIVAL IN BANNER ELK AS THE
3 STATE'S OFFICIAL WOOLLY WORM FESTIVAL.

4 Whereas, since 1978, an annual Woolly Worm Festival has been held in the Town of
5 Banner Elk, which is located in Avery County; and

6 Whereas, each year the Woolly Worm Festival welcomes 20,000 people to the
7 community to make family memories; and

8 Whereas, in 2007, the Woolly Worm Festival was named one of the top 10 fall
9 festivals in North America by the Society of American Travel Writers; and

10 Whereas, in the 40 years of the Woolly Worm Festival, more than \$1,400,000 has
11 been raised to make life better for the children of Avery County; and

12 Whereas, the winning woolly worm will predict the upcoming winter weather. The
13 13 segments of the woolly worm are the best predictors of the weather for the 13 weeks of winter;
14 and

15 Whereas, establishing the Official Woolly Worm Festival in Banner Elk will serve as
16 a great marketing and promotional tool for Banner Elk and Avery County; Now, therefore,
17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

18 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
19 section to read:

20 "**§ 145-50. State Woolly Worm Festival.**

21 The Woolly Worm Festival, held the third weekend of October of every year in the Town of
22 Banner Elk in Avery County, is adopted as the official Woolly Worm Festival of the State of
23 North Carolina."

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



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