

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 333\***

Short Title: Adopt Official State Sport. (Public)

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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March 14, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ADOPT STOCK CAR RACING AS THE OFFICIAL SPORT OF NORTH  
3 CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, stock car racing has played a significant role in the history, heritage, and  
5 culture of North Carolina; and

6 Whereas, stock car racing leads the way in the motorsports industry in North  
7 Carolina; and

8 Whereas, the motorsports industry has a six billion dollar economic impact in North  
9 Carolina annually and creates over 20,000 direct and indirect jobs; and

10 Whereas, North Carolina continues to grow and advance the grass roots of the sport  
11 of stock car racing with over 30 short tracks located throughout the State hosting over 700  
12 events per year; and

13 Whereas, North Carolina educates and trains individuals in its University system  
14 and Community College system for jobs in stock car racing; and

15 Whereas, North Carolina is the home of the coveted stock car racing NASCAR Hall  
16 of Fame and the NC Auto Racing Hall of Fame; and

17 Whereas, North Carolina is the home of more than 90 percent of NASCAR Sprint  
18 Cup stock car race teams; and

19 Whereas, the Charlotte Motor Speedway hosts three stock car races annually in the  
20 NASCAR Sprint Cup series, more than any Sprint Cup events held annually in any other state,  
21 and Charlotte Motor Speedway brings more than one million visitors to North Carolina each  
22 year; and

23 Whereas, North Carolina is the home of "The King," Richard Petty, stock car racing  
24 legend Junior Johnson, dubbed "The Last American Hero" by writer Tom Wolfe, and  
25 seven-time champion, the late Dale Earnhardt; and

26 Whereas, North Carolina is the home of stock car racing and North Carolina is  
27 committed to the continued growth and popularity of the sport; and

28 Whereas, stock car racing should be adopted as the State's official sport; Now,  
29 therefore,

30 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

33 "**§ 145-33. State sport.**

34 Stock car racing is adopted as the official sport of North Carolina."

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

