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SENATE BILL DRS45175-MM-67

Short Title: Clarify Waccamaw Siouan . (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Britt (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AMENDING THE STATE RECOGNITION OF THE WACCAMAW SIOUAN
3 TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 "**§ 71A-4. Waccamaw Siouan Tribe of North Carolina; rights, privileges, immunities,**
6 **obligations and duties.**

7 The Indians now living in Bladen and Columbus and adjoining counties of North Carolina,
8 originally found by the first white settlers in the region of the Cape Fear River, Lake Waccamaw,
9 and the Waccamaw Indians, a Siouan Tribe which inhabited the areas surrounding the
10 Waccamaw, Pee Dee, and Lumber Rivers in North and South Carolina, shall, from and after July
11 20, 1971, be designated and officially recognized as the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe of North
12 Carolina and shall continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges and immunities ~~as citizens of the~~
13 ~~State as now or hereafter provided by law, and shall continue to be subject to all the obligations~~
14 ~~and duties of citizens under the law as~~ an American Indian Tribe with a recognized tribal
15 governing body carrying out and exercising substantial governmental duties and powers similar
16 to the State, being recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the
17 United States to Indians because of their status as Indians."

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

