



# HOUSE BILL 331: Adopt Official State Rice Festival.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	March 25, 2025
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Miller, Lowery	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Michael Whitfield
<b>Analysis of:</b>	PCS to First Edition H331-CSCW-4		Committee Co-Counsel

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**OVERVIEW:** *The PCS to House Bill 331 would adopt the North Carolina Rice Festival, held every year in Brunswick County, as the official rice festival of the State.*

*The PCS provides a technical correction to the First Edition.*

**CURRENT LAW:** State symbols and other official adoptions of the State are found in Chapter 145 of the General Statutes. Currently, North Carolina does not have an official rice festival.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS to House Bill 331 would amend Chapter 145 of the General Statutes by adding a new section to establish the North Carolina Rice Festival, held the first weekend of March of every year at the Brunswick Town State Historic Site in the community of Winnabow, as the official rice festival of the State of North Carolina.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective when it becomes law.

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