

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS15171-LT-90* (3/26)

Short Title: Establish Mounted Horse/Caisson Patrol Unit. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Queen.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE HONORARY LISTON B. RAMSEY MOUNTED HORSE/CAISSON PATROL UNIT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is established in the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, State Highway Patrol Division, the Honorary Liston B. Ramsey Mounted Horse/Caisson Patrol Unit as part of the State Highway Patrol. The Unit shall fall under the command of the Special Operations Section of the State Highway Patrol to function as a horse-drawn caisson procession at the funeral services of certain law enforcement personnel and other fallen heroes and heroines.

The Unit shall consist of a caisson wagon, two horses to pull the wagon, and a horse to follow the wagon. The Unit offices, stables, equipment storage, and training facilities shall be located at Bearwallow Ridge Farms, 434 School Road, in Marshall, North Carolina. All operations dealing with the Honorary Liston B. Ramsey Mounted Horse/Caisson Patrol Unit shall be conducted from that location.

The Department, on behalf of the State Highway Patrol, may accept grants, contributions, devises, bequests, and gifts which shall be kept in a separate fund and shall be used by it to fund the operations of the Unit. Upon the receipt of sufficient funding to operate the Unit, the State Highway Patrol shall place two primary troopers on assignment to the Honorary Liston B. Ramsey Mounted Horse/Caisson Patrol Unit. The State Highway Patrol shall not operate the Unit until it has acquired all the resources, equipment, supplies, and funds needed to implement this act.

The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety may adopt rules, including temporary rules, to govern the use and priority of assignment of the Honorary Liston B. Ramsey Mounted Horse/Caisson Patrol Unit.

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