

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**SENATE BILL 902\***

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

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Sponsors: Senator Queen.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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April 3, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE HONORARY LISTON B. RAMSEY MOUNTED  
2 HORSE/CAISSON PATROL UNIT.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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