The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 31 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 120-271. Use of likenesses of any seal or coat of arms of the Senate.

(a) Whoever, except as directed by the Senate or the Principal Clerk of the Senate on its behalf, knowingly uses, manufactures, reproduces, sells, or purchases for resale, either separately or appended to any article manufactured or sold, any likeness of any seal or coat of arms of the Senate, or any substantial part thereof, except for manufacture or sale of the article for the official use of the State of North Carolina, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

(b) A violation of this section may be enjoined at the suit of the Attorney General."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1st day of August, 2007.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 12:32 p.m. this 17th day of August, 2007