

# SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. \_\_\_\_\_

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AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning general provisions.

*Whereas, Square dancing has been a popular national American tradition since early Colonial days with European roots;*

*Whereas, Thirty-nine (39) other states have designated a State Dance. Of these, Thirty-one (31) states have chosen Square Dance as their official state emblem;*

*Whereas, Indiana has many distinctive emblems of species, geology, and culture but no official designation of a state dance;*

*Whereas, Indiana Dancers Association, Inc. has hosted four (4) National Square Dance Conventions. These conventions have drawn people to Indiana from every region of the United States and from all around the world;*

*Whereas, Square Dancing offers an opportunity for family and community inclusion and cooperation where everyone is part of the dance activity, enjoying everyone's company;*

*Whereas, official recognition of Square Dance will enhance social and cultural stature of Indiana;*

*Whereas, Square Dance is a low-impact but greatly aerobic form of exercise that has been known to extend participants life expectancy;*

*Whereas, Accepting Live Lively - Square Dance! slogan will inspire a healthy, active, full of life and vibrant life style. Image to include:*



*Therefore, Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

*SECTION 1. IC 1-2-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY XX, 2023]:*

*Chapter 16. State Dance*

*Sec. 1. Live Lively - Square Dance!, Designates Square Dance as the official State Dance of Indiana.*

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*President of the Senate*

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*President Pro Tempore*

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*Speaker of the House of Representative*

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*Governor of the State of Indiana*

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

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