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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 180

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF A STATE DANCE.

1 WHEREAS, the Maypole is a tall, vertical pole, usually made from the wood of a cedar or birch tree, decorated
2 with streamers or ribbons and held by dancers who perform the Maypole Dance; and

3 WHEREAS, the Maypole Dance has a long history dating back to Medieval times; and

4 WHEREAS, the Maypole Dance also has a rich history in the State of Delaware including both Dover and Old
5 New Castle; and

6 WHEREAS, in these communities and Delaware as a whole, there is a strong connection to the Maypole Dance,
7 particularly at Dover Days, where it is performed annually; and

8 WHEREAS, the Maypole Dance is performed by local children; and

9 WHEREAS, the Maypole Dance involves the children dancers holding ribbons, moving in opposite directions
10 around the pole, and intertwining the ribbons as they go.

11 NOW, THEREFORE:

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

13 Section 1. Amend § 326, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
14 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

15 § 326. State Dance

16 Maypole dancing is the official dance of the State.

SYNOPSIS

This Act designates Maypole dancing as the official dance of Delaware.