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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

141st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 395

AS AMENDED BY

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STATE SYMBOLS.

1 WHEREAS, it is appropriate, dignified and historically accurate to reference Delaware's
2 singular and important step in being the first state to ratify our United States Constitution; and

3 WHEREAS, the 127th General Assembly through Senate Joint Resolution No. 12,
4 sponsored by the late Senator Allen J. Cook, instructed the Secretary of State to use the phrase "The First
5 State" in describing our great State of Delaware when referring to her by other than her formal name; and

6 WHEREAS, the 141st General Assembly seeks to codify the foresight of the 127th
7 General Assembly by giving the phrase "The First State" recognition as Delaware's official nickname;

8 NOW, THEREFORE:

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

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11 Section 1. Amend Chapter 3, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by adding thereto a new section to
12 read:

13 "§318. The official nickname of the State is 'The First State'.".