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House Bill 345

(Delegate Hucker)

Health and Government Operations

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**State Government - State Designations - Review, Evaluation, and
Recommendation by the State Archivist**

This bill authorizes the State Archivist to review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding State designations. At the specific request of the Senate President; the Speaker of the House; the Chair of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee; or the Chair of the House Health and Government Operations Committee, such a review, evaluation, and recommendation is required.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. This bill codifies current practice.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State Archivist preserves, describes, and makes accessible – to the government and the public – records deemed to have permanent historical, educational, and administrative value. The State Archivist adopts regulations to govern the State Archives; manages the Hall of Records Building and other property acquired by the Archives; manages records under the supervision of the Archives; and defines the categories of records in the report of the Records Management Division of the Department of General Services. In addition the State Archivist may establish fees for the care and preservation of records under the supervision of the Archives.

The Maryland State Flag was adopted in 1904 followed by the adoption of the Black-Eyed Susan as the State flower in 1918. Since then, the State has adopted 22 additional official symbols as shown in **Exhibit 1**. The Governor is also authorized to designate a citizen as the State’s Poet Laureate.

Exhibit 1
State Symbols of Maryland

| <u>Type</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Statutory Authority</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bird | Baltimore Oriole | Ch. 54 of 1947 |
| Boat | Skipjack | Ch. 788 of 1985 |
| Cat | Calico Cat | Ch. 194 of 2001 |
| Crustacean | Blue Crab | Ch. 724 of 1989 |
| Dessert | Smith Island Cake | Ch. 164, 165 of 2008 |
| Dinosaur | Astrodon johnstoni | Ch. 404 of 1998 |
| Dog | Chesapeake Bay Retriever | Ch. 156 of 1964 |
| Drink | Milk | Ch. 220 of 1998 |
| Exercise | Walking | Ch. 400, 401 of 2008 |
| Fish | Rockfish (Striped Bass) | Ch. 513 of 1965 |
| Flower | Black-Eyed Susan | Ch. 458 of 1918 |
| Folk Dance | Square Dance | Ch. 707 of 1994 |
| Fossil Shell | <i>Ecphora gardnerae gardnerae</i> | Ch. 688 of 1994 |
| Gem | Patuxent River Stone | Ch. 272 of 2004 |
| Horse | Thoroughbred Horse | Ch. 359 of 2003 |
| Insect | Baltimore Checkerspot Butterfly | Ch. 253 of 1973 |
| Reptile | Diamondback Terrapin | Ch. 476 of 1994 |
| Song | “Maryland, My Maryland” | Ch. 451 of 1939 |
| Sport | Jousting | Ch. 134 of 1962 |
| Team Sport | Lacrosse | Ch. 272 of 2004 |
| Theater | Center Stage | Ch. 1003 of 1978 |
| Theater – Summer | Olney Theatre | Ch. 1003 of 1978 |
| Tree | White Oak | Ch. 731 of 1941 |

Source: Maryland State Archives

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 439 of 2009 passed in the House and was amended in the Senate to reflect the provisions of this bill. The amendments passed in the Senate, but received no further action in the House.

Cross File: SB 166 (Senator Conway) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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