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House Bill No. 5304
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
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**AN ACT DESIGNATING THE STATE DOG AND STATE CANDY AND
CREATING A WORKING GROUP CONCERNING REDESIGNATING
THE STATE INSECT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) The Siberian Husky shall
2 be the state dog.

3 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) The lollipop shall be the state
4 candy.

5 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working group
6 to study redesignating the state insect, which is established under
7 section 3-109b of the general statutes as the praying mantis. Such
8 working group shall (1) study the reasons for retaining, versus the
9 reasons for redesignating, the current state insect, and (2) consider
10 potential alternative insects that are native to the state, including, but
11 not limited to, the spring azure butterfly and autumn meadowhawk

12 dragonfly.

13 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

14 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
15 one of whom is a student in this state with an interest in redesignating
16 the state insect as the spring azure butterfly;

17 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
18 whom is a student in this state with an interest in redesignating the state
19 insect as the autumn meadowhawk dragonfly;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

23 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
24 Representatives; and

25 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

26 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision
27 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
28 of the General Assembly.

29 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
30 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
31 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

32 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
33 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the working group
34 from among the members of the working group. Such chairpersons shall
35 schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not
36 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

37 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
38 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government

39 administration shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

40 (g) Not later than February 15, 2025, the working group shall submit
41 a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
42 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
43 relating to government administration, in accordance with the
44 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall
45 include, but need not be limited to, the working group's
46 recommendation on whether to redesignate the current state insect and,
47 if so, which insect should be selected and the reasons for such selection.
48 The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such
49 report or February 15, 2025, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:****Explanation**

This bill designates the Siberian Husky as the state dog, the lollipop as the state candy and creates a working group to study redesignating the state insect resulting in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

House "A" creates a working group to study redesignating the state insect and results in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities as the working group has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5304 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT DESIGNATING THE STATE DOG AND STATE CANDY.*****SUMMARY**

This bill designates the Siberian Husky as the state dog and the lollipop as the state candy.

It also creates a working group to study redesignating the state insect, which is currently the praying mantis. The working group must study the reasons for keeping or redesignating the current state insect and consider potential alternatives that are native to the state, such as the spring azure butterfly and autumn meadowhawk dragonfly. The group must report its findings and recommendations to the Government Administration and Elections (GAE) Committee by February 15, 2025. The report must include a recommendation on whether to redesignate the current state insect, and if so, which insect and why. The group ends once it submits the report or on February 15, 2025, whichever is later.

*House Amendment "A" adds the provision on the state insect working group.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024, except that the provision on the state insect working group is effective upon passage.

WORKING GROUP

The bill requires the working group to consist of eight members. The House speaker must appoint two members, one of whom must be a student interested in making the spring azure butterfly the state insect, and the Senate president pro tempore must appoint two members, one of whom must be a student interested in making the autumn

meadowhawk dragonfly the state insect. The House and Senate majority and minority leaders must each appoint one of the other four members. Any of the working group members may be members of the General Assembly, all initial appointments must be made within 30 days after the bill becomes effective, and any vacancy must be filled by the appointing authority.

The bill requires the House speaker and Senate president pro tempore to select the working group’s chairpersons from among its members. The chairpersons must schedule and hold the group’s first meeting within 60 days after the bill becomes effective. The GAE Committee’s administrative staff must serve as the working group’s administrative staff.

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

HB 5307 (File 480), reported favorably by the GAE Committee, creates the same working group to study redesignating the state insect.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/22/2024)