

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH70146-LG-82 (1/31)

Short Title: Adopt Bullfrog as State Amphibian. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Spear.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT ADOPTING THE AMERICAN BULLFROG AS THE OFFICIAL
2 AMPHIBIAN OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

3 Whereas, bullfrogs are some of the largest frogs found in North America,
4 reaching six to seven inches as adults; and

5 Whereas, bullfrogs can range in color from yellowish green to brown and
6 have distinctive deep, resonant croaks; and

7 Whereas, bullfrogs are carnivorous, eating insects, small mammals, fish,
8 snakes, and other frogs; and

9 Whereas, bullfrogs are amphibians found in and around lakes, ponds, bogs,
10 and streams throughout North Carolina; and

11 Whereas, bullfrogs play an important role in the State's aquatic ecosystem;
12 and

13 Whereas, the State of North Carolina does not have an official State
14 amphibian; Now, therefore,

15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

16 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the
17 following new section to read:

18 **"§ 145-27. State amphibian.**

19 The American bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*) is adopted as the official amphibian of
20 the State of North Carolina."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.
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