



HOUSE BILL 441: Loggerhead Turtle/State Saltwater Reptile.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 7, 2025
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 441 would adopt the loggerhead sea turtle as the State saltwater reptile.*

CURRENT LAW: State symbols and other official adoptions of the State are found in Chapter 145 of the General Statutes. Currently, North Carolina does not have an official saltwater reptile.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would amend Chapter 145 of the General Statutes by adding a new section to establish the loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*) as the official saltwater reptile of North Carolina.

EFFECTIVE DATE: House Bill 441 would become effective when it becomes law.

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