



# HOUSE BILL 281: Loggerhead Turtle/State Saltwater Reptile.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 281 would adopt the loggerhead sea turtle as the State saltwater reptile.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes adopts various State animals including:

- G.S. 145-2. State Bird (cardinal).
- G.S. 145-5. State mammal (gray squirrel; *Sciurus carolinensis*).
- G.S. 145-6. State saltwater fish (channel bass; red drum).
- G.S. 145-7. State insect (honeybee).
- G.S. 145-9. State reptile (turtle).
- G.S. 145-13. State dog (Plott Hound).
- G.S. 145-26. State freshwater trout (brook trout; *Salvelinus fontinalis*).
- G.S. 145-31. State horse (Colonial Spanish Mustang).
- G.S. 145-38. State butterfly (Eastern tiger swallowtail; *Papilio glaucus*).
- G.S. 145-42. State frog (pine barrens tree frog; *Hyla andersonii*).
- G.S. 145-43. State salamander (marbled salamander; *Ambystoma opacum*).
- G.S. 145-44. State marsupial (Virginia opossum; *Didelphis virginiana*).

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 281 would adopt the loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*) as the North Carolina saltwater reptile.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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