



# HOUSE BILL 671: Change State Mammal to Black Bear.

2021-2022 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Wildlife Resources. If favorable, re- refer to State Government. If favorable, re- refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	May 11, 2021
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 671 would adopt the black bear as the official State mammal of the State of North Carolina, replacing the gray squirrel as the current official State mammal.*

**CURRENT LAW:** State symbols and other official adoptions of the State are found in Chapter 145 of the General Statutes. The current official State mammal of North Carolina is the gray squirrel.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 671 would adopt the black bear (*Ursus americanus*) as the official State mammal of the State of the North Carolina.

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

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