



HOUSE BILL 441: Loggerhead Turtle/State Saltwater Reptile.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Wildlife Resources. If favorable, re-refer to State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 29, 2025
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 441 would designate the Loggerhead Turtle as the official 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 State saltwater reptile.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 441 would add a new section to Chapter 145 of the General Statutes to designate the loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*) as the official saltwater reptile of the State of North Carolina.

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

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