



HOUSE BILL 597: Adopt Osprey as State Raptor.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 597 would designate the osprey as the official State raptor.*

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 raptor.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 597 would add a new section to Chapter 145 of the General Statutes to designate the osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) as the official raptor of the State of North Carolina.

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

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