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HOUSE BILL 958

Short Title: Adopt Bullfrog as State Amphibian.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Spear.

Referred to: Wildlife Resources.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT ADOPTING THE AMERICAN BULLFROG AS THE OFFICIAL
3 AMPHIBIAN OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, bullfrogs are some of the largest frogs found in North America,
5 reaching six to seven inches as adults; and

6 Whereas, bullfrogs can range in color from yellowish green to brown and
7 have distinctive deep, resonant croaks; and

8 Whereas, bullfrogs are carnivorous, eating insects, small mammals, fish,
9 snakes, and other frogs; and

10 Whereas, bullfrogs are amphibians found in and around lakes, ponds, bogs,
11 and streams throughout North Carolina; and

12 Whereas, bullfrogs play an important role in the State's aquatic ecosystem;
13 and

14 Whereas, the State of North Carolina does not have an official State
15 amphibian; Now, therefore,

16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding the
18 following new section to read:

19 "**§ 145-27. State amphibian.**

20 The American bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*) is adopted as the official amphibian of
21 the State of North Carolina."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.