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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 101

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE BY PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE
OFFICIAL REPTILE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, the Delaware Daughters of the American Revolution have found that the State of Delaware has
2 omitted from the Delaware Code the official designation of a State reptile; and

3 WHEREAS, many states have designated an official State reptile to accompany their State flower, State flag, State
4 bird, and State insect; and

5 WHEREAS, the reptile herein designated is found in Delaware marine waters; and

6 WHEREAS, the reptile herein designated as the official State reptile is endangered due to commercial harvest for
7 its eggs and meat; and

8 WHEREAS, such recognition would support its conservation by raising awareness of its declining numbers.

9 NOW, THEREFORE:

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

11 Section 1. Amend Chapter 3, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
12 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

13 § 330 State reptile

14 The green turtle (Chelonia mydas) is the official State Reptile for the State of Delaware.

15 Section 2. This Act takes effect upon its enactment into law.

16 Section 3. This Act shall expire 1 year after its enactment into law.

SYNOPSIS

This Act designates the Green Turtle (Chelonia mydas) as the official State Reptile for the State of Delaware. This
act shall expire 1 year after its enactment into law.