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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Dinosaur - Astrodon Johnstoni**

3 FOR the purpose of designating the dinosaur "Astrodon johnstoni" as the State
4 dinosaur.

5 BY adding to
6 Article - State Government
7 Section 13-315
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

10 **Preamble**

11 WHEREAS, Teeth from the dinosaur Astrodon johnstoni were first recovered
12 in Muirkirk, Maryland in 1858; and

13 WHEREAS, The Astrodon johnstoni was the first identified dinosaur in
14 Maryland and was one of the earliest dinosaur finds in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, The Astrodon johnstoni was the first sauropod described in North
16 America; and

17 WHEREAS, The largest dinosaur bone ever found in the State was the leg
18 bone of an Astrodon johnstoni, discovered in 1991 in a quarry in Muirkirk, Maryland;
19 now, therefore,

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - State Government

2 13-315.

3 THE ASTRODON JOHNSTONI IS THE STATE DINOSAUR.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
5 effect October 1, 1998.