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By: **Senator McFadden**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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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:

22 **Article - State Government**

23 13-315.

24 THE ASTRODON JOHNSTONI IS THE STATE DINOSAUR.

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