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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 345

(Delegate Hucker)

Health and Government Operations

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**State Government - State Designations - Review, Evaluation, and  
Recommendation by the State Archivist**

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This bill authorizes the State Archivist to review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding State designations. At the specific request of the Senate President; the Speaker of the House; the Chair of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee; or the Chair of the House Health and Government Operations Committee, such a review, evaluation, and recommendation is required.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. This bill codifies current practice.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The State Archivist preserves, describes, and makes accessible – to the government and the public – records deemed to have permanent historical, educational, and administrative value. The State Archivist adopts regulations to govern the State Archives; manages the Hall of Records Building and other property acquired by the Archives; manages records under the supervision of the Archives; and defines the categories of records in the report of the Records Management Division of the Department of General Services. In addition the State Archivist may establish fees for the care and preservation of records under the supervision of the Archives.

The Maryland State Flag was adopted in 1904 followed by the adoption of the Black-Eyed Susan as the State flower in 1918. Since then, the State has adopted 22 additional official symbols as shown in **Exhibit 1**. The Governor is also authorized to designate a citizen as the State's Poet Laureate.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**State Symbols of Maryland**

<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Statutory Authority</u></b>
Bird	Baltimore Oriole	Ch. 54 of 1947
Boat	Skipjack	Ch. 788 of 1985
Cat	Calico Cat	Ch. 194 of 2001
Crustacean	Blue Crab	Ch. 724 of 1989
Dessert	Smith Island Cake	Ch. 164, 165 of 2008
Dinosaur	<i>Astrodon johnstoni</i>	Ch. 404 of 1998
Dog	Chesapeake Bay Retriever	Ch. 156 of 1964
Drink	Milk	Ch. 220 of 1998
Exercise	Walking	Ch. 400, 401 of 2008
Fish	Rockfish (Striped Bass)	Ch. 513 of 1965
Flower	Black-Eyed Susan	Ch. 458 of 1918
Folk Dance	Square Dance	Ch. 707 of 1994
Fossil Shell	<i>Ecphora gardnerae gardnerae</i>	Ch. 688 of 1994
Gem	Patuxent River Stone	Ch. 272 of 2004
Horse	Thoroughbred Horse	Ch. 359 of 2003
Insect	Baltimore Checkerspot Butterfly	Ch. 253 of 1973
Reptile	Diamondback Terrapin	Ch. 476 of 1994
Song	“Maryland, My Maryland”	Ch. 451 of 1939
Sport	Jousting	Ch. 134 of 1962
Team Sport	Lacrosse	Ch. 272 of 2004
Theater	Center Stage	Ch. 1003 of 1978
Theater – Summer	Olney Theatre	Ch. 1003 of 1978
Tree	White Oak	Ch. 731 of 1941

Source: Maryland State Archives

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** HB 439 of 2009 passed in the House and was amended in the Senate to reflect the provisions of this bill. The amendments passed in the Senate, but received no further action in the House.

**Cross File:** SB 166 (Senator Conway) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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