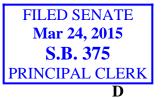
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2015



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SENATE DRS35129-LG-72 (03/13)

	Short Title: Adopt Osprey as Official State Raptor.	(Public)
	Sponsors: Senator Cook (Primary Sponsor).	
	Referred to:	
1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
2	AN ACT ADOPTING THE OSPREY AS THE OFFICIAL RAPTOR OF TH	E STATE OF
3	NORTH CAROLINA.	
4	Whereas, ospreys are raptors that can stand from 21 to 24 inches tall	and have wing
5	spans that can measure up to six feet; and	
6	Whereas, ospreys have dark upper plumage, while their under plum	hage is mostly
7	white; and	
8	Whereas, ospreys can be recognized during flight by the M-shape of	of their wings;
9	and	
10	Whereas, ospreys build large nests of sticks in dead trees and stump	s, but are also
11	known to build nests on man-made structures; and	
12	Whereas, ospreys are the only raptors that plunge into water feet first	t and can dive
13	30 miles per hour or greater to grasp fish with their talons; and	
14	Whereas, ospreys can be found in North Carolina mostly during t	1 0
15	summer near water sources containing plenty of fish, such as estuaries, lakes, ar	
16	Coastal Plain, but may also nest near lakes and rivers in other parts of the State; a	
17	Whereas, the State of North Carolina does not have an official State	e raptor; Now,
18	therefore,	
19	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:	
20	SECTION 1. Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by	adding a new
21	section to read:	
22	" <u>§ 145-48. State raptor.</u>	
23	The osprey (Pandion haliaetus carolinensis) is adopted as the official raptor	ot the State of
24	North Carolina."	
25	SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.	

