

Ohio Senate Bill 81: State Amphibian

Sponsored by Senator Timothy Grendell (As Introduced)



Support

Summary

Adopts the Spotted Salamander (*Ambystoma maculatum*) as the official State Amphibian of Ohio



Ohio Environmental Council's Perspective

The Spotted Salamander. This striking amphibian is found throughout Ohio living near seasonal wetlands called vernal pools. Like many amphibians, it spends part of its life in water. Most of its life, though, is spent underground.

With the first warm showers of spring, the Spotted Salamander emerges from the ground and makes its way to the vernal pool where it was spawned—renewing its ancient life cycle.

Ohio has several official state symbols, but no other symbol would be as emblematic of Ohio's hidden natural world as the Spotted Salamander. This photogenic creature is a delight to nature watchers, a link to our natural heritage, and an important reminder that in nature there is often more beneath the surface than meets the eye.

The Ohio Environmental Council supports this bill.

Bill Ratings



This legislation will help resolve a serious problem that threatens Ohio's environment, and demonstrates significant leadership for Ohio's future.



This legislation will benefit Ohio's environment, or shows foresight in setting future environmental policy.



This legislation will somewhat - or on balance - benefit Ohio's environment.



This legislation will cause substantial harm to Ohio's environment, and demonstrates serious disregard for Ohio's future.



This legislation will harm Ohio's environment, or sets the state on the wrong path for future environmental policy.



This legislation will somewhat - or on balance - harm Ohio's environment.