

House Bill 1341

By: Representatives Sainz of the 180th, DeLoach of the 167th, Townsend of the 179th,
Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to other state symbols, so as to designate white shrimp as the official state
3 crustacean; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

- 8 (1) White shrimp provide significant economic, cultural, and environmental benefits to
9 Georgians;
- 10 (2) Shrimp make up approximately 80 percent of the value of the seafood caught in a
11 typical year in this state;
- 12 (3) White shrimp account for more than two-thirds of the total shrimp harvest;
- 13 (4) White shrimp are harvested all along Georgia's coast and are an important part of the
14 culture of coastal communities;

15 (5) White shrimp are omnivores that feed at the bottom of the water on detritus, plants,
16 microorganisms, macroinvertebrates, and small fish and are themselves an important food
17 source for many other organisms; and

18 (6) White shrimp enjoy a singular stature amongst Georgia's crustaceans in economic,
19 cultural, and environmental importance, that is rivaled only by its popularity as a tasty
20 food. Establishing white shrimp as the official Georgia state crustacean is necessary to
21 fully recognize the importance of this organism to this state.

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other
24 state symbols, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

25 "50-3-92.

26 White shrimp is designated as the official Georgia state crustacean."

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.