

House Bill 145

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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 change the state floral emblem to the sweetbay  
3 magnolia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other  
7 state symbols, is amended by revising Code Section 50-3-53, relating to state floral emblem,  
8 as follows:

9 "50-3-53.

10 The ~~Cherokee rose~~ sweetbay magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*) is adopted as the floral  
11 emblem of the State of Georgia."

12 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

13 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.