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An act relating to state symbols; creating s. 15.0386,

F.S.; designating the official state tortoise; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 15.0386, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

15.0386 Official state tortoise.--The Gopher Tortoise

(Gopherus polyphemus) is designated the official state tortoise.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.