

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Agriculture Committee

BILL: SB 230

INTRODUCER: Senator Baker

SUBJECT: State Symbol/Florida Cracker Horse

DATE: March 18, 2008

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Robinson	Poole	AG	Favorable
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I. Summary:

This bill designates the Florida Cracker Horse (Marshackie) as the official state horse. It also provides for future legislative review and repeal.

This bill creates section 15.0526 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Currently, no horse is designated as the official state horse.

Chapter 15, F.S. designates official state emblems. To date, there are designations for a state tree, fruit, beverage, citrus archive, shell, stone, gem, wildflower, play, animal, freshwater fish, saltwater fish, marine mammal, saltwater mammal, butterfly, reptile, air fair, rodeo, festival, moving image center and archive, litter control symbol, pageant, opera, renaissance festival, railroad museums, transportation museum, soil, fiddle contest, band, sports hall of fame, pie, and state maritime museum.

Florida Cracker Horses were a fundamental part of the Florida cattle industry, which began around 500 years ago and is thriving today. It is reported that the ancestors of today's Florida Cracker Horses were introduced into what is now Florida around 1521 when Ponce de Leon brought horses, cattle and other livestock on his second trip to the region.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1. Creates section 15.0526, F.S., to designate the Florida Cracker Horse as the official state horse. This section is repealed July 1, 2018, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature before that date.

Section 2. Provides that this act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

C. Government Sector Impact:

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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