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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to state symbols; creating s. 15.0522,
3 F.S.; designating the blue crab as the official state
4 crustacean; providing an effective date.

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6 WHEREAS, deviled crab originated in Tampa's Ybor City
7 neighborhood, the home of Tampa's immigrant community, which
8 dates back to the early 1900s, and

9 WHEREAS, deviled crab aficionados insist that the authentic
10 Devil Crab be made from blue crab (*Callinectes sapidus*) and a
11 brand of Cuban-style bread that is baked in the City of Tampa,
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the economical and plentiful supply of deviled
14 crab is credited with helping many in Tampa survive the 10-month
15 cigar workers' strike in 1920, and was the favored food of many
16 on the picket line, and

17 WHEREAS, in recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month
18 2020, and in acknowledgment of the City of Tampa's multicultural
19 background, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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23 Section 1. Section 15.0522, Florida Statutes, is created to
24 read:

25 15.0522 Official state crustacean.—The blue crab
26 (*Callinectes sapidus*), used by Tampanans to make Devil Crab, is
27 designated as the official Florida state crustacean.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.