

By Senator Polsky

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to designation of the state bird;  
3           creating s. 15.0352, F.S.; designating the Florida  
4           scrub-jay as the official state bird; specifying that  
5           the act supersedes designation of the mockingbird as  
6           the state bird; providing an effective date.  
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8           WHEREAS, the Florida scrub-jay is a bird measuring from 9  
9           to 11 inches in length with blue wings, head, and tail, a gray  
10          back and underparts, and a whitish forehead and neck, and

11          WHEREAS, protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the  
12          Florida scrub-jay is also protected as a threatened species by  
13          the federal Endangered Species Act and as a federally designated  
14          threatened species by the Florida Endangered and Threatened  
15          Species Rule, and

16          WHEREAS, the Florida scrub-jay is the only bird species  
17          endemic to the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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19          Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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21          Section 1. Section 15.0352, Florida Statutes, is created to  
22          read:

23          15.0352 Official state bird.—The Florida scrub-jay  
24          (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*) is designated as the official Florida  
25          state bird.

26          Section 2. This act supersedes the designation by Senate  
27          Concurrent Resolution No. 3, adopted at the 1927 Regular  
28          Session, of the mockingbird as the Florida state bird.

29          Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.