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To: Tourism

SENATE BILL NO. 2142
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE AS THE
2 "OFFICIAL STATE HORSE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI"; TO DESIGNATE
3 THE KEMP'S RIDLEY SEA TURTLE AS THE "OFFICIAL SEA TURTLE OF THE
4 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** The American Quarter Horse, which is well-suited
7 for the intricate and quick maneuvers required for rodeo events,
8 is hereby designated the "Official State Horse of the State of
9 Mississippi."

10 **SECTION 2.** The Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, the most endangered
11 sea turtle in the world, which is native to Mississippi, is hereby
12 designated the "Official Sea Turtle of the State of Mississippi."

13 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
14 and after July 1, 2024.

