

WHEREAS, There is no officially recognized State shell or State fossil in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The 4 ribbed fossil snail shell, Ecphora quadricostata (Say), symbolizes a significant part of the natural history of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, In 1685, an Ecphora quadricostata shell found in St. Mary's County became the first fossil ever illustrated from North America; and

WHEREAS, 1984 marks the 350th anniversary of the founding of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Adoption of this symbol would add a new dimension to the 350th anniversary celebration; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Government

13-311.

THE ECPHORA QUADRICOSTATA (SAY) IS THE STATE FOSSIL SHELL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1984.

Approved May 15, 1984.

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CHAPTER 314

(Senate Bill 197)

AN ACT concerning

Rabies - Animal Quarantine

FOR the purpose of requiring an animal that exposes a human to rabies to be quarantined in a place and manner provided by the local health officer or the public health veterinarian for a certain time; ~~allowing--certain--animals--to--be--quarantined--in--the--residence--of--their--owners;~~ providing that the public health veterinarian or local health officer may order the immediate and humane destruction of an animal under certain circumstances; ~~providing--for--the--rabies--examination--of--an--animal--under--quarantine;~~ and generally relating to rabies and animal quarantine.