

House Bill No. 384

AN ACT concerning

State Fossil Shell

FOR the purpose of designating the Ecphora quadricostata as the State fossil shell.

BY adding to

Article - State Government
Section 13-311
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 50) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1984)

Preamble

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.
