

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3164**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Kate Hogan*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act designating the blanding turtle as the official turtle of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>

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By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3164) of Kate Hogan and James J. O'Day for legislation to designate the blanding turtle as the official turtle or turtle emblem of the Commonwealth. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2716 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act designating the blanding turtle as the official turtle of the Commonwealth.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 2 of the General Laws as appearing the 2016 Official Edition is  
2 hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following section:-

3           Section 64. The Blanding Turtle shall be the official turtle or turtle emblem of the  
4 Commonwealth.