

HCS SS SB 210 -- STATE DESIGNATIONS

This bill creates the following state designations:

1) The pawpaw tree is designated as the state fruit tree (Section 10.105, RSMo);

2) The Missouri "Show Me" tartan is the official tartan of the state. The colors of blue, brown, and silver are derived from the eastern bluebird, the Missouri mule, and the bear on the state flag, and the crescent moon, representing vigilance and justice, valor, purity, steadfastness, hope, and strength (Section 10.190);

3) The hellbender salamander, also known as the snot otter, or lasagna lizard, is the official endangered species (Section 10.200);

4) The Missouri State Council for the Arts shall administer a program to designate "Missouri Historical Theaters" that meet specified criteria, including being a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, operating for at least 50 years, performance history, and contribution to tourism and arts promotion. The department may charge a fee to cover the costs of the program (Section 185.070);

5) The portion of State Highway P from Dove Nest Lane continuing east to State Highway M in St. Charles County shall be designated as "Waylon Jennings Memorial Highway". Cost shall be paid by private donations (Section 227.549); and

6) The St. Louis Blues is the official state hockey team (Section 1).