



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5534

February Session, 2026



AN ACT DESIGNATING THE STATE AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB MOVEMENT, THE STATE AMPHIBIAN AND THE STATE ROCK.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The state of Connecticut
2 shall be known as the birthplace of the Boys and Girls Club movement,
3 which began in Hartford in 1860 with the founding of the Dashaway
4 Club by Mary Goodwin, Alice Goodwin, Elizabeth Hamersley and
5 Louisa Bushnell, to provide boys with safe, positive and productive
6 opportunities.

7 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The spring peeper, *Pseudacris*
8 *crucifer*, shall be the state amphibian.

9 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Housatonic marble shall be
10 the state rock.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

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