

1 H.239

2 Introduced by Representatives Arrison of Weathersfield, Galfetti of Barre  
3 Town, Hango of Berkshire, Smith of Derby, and Williams of  
4 Granby

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: General provisions; State March; National Emblem

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to designate  
9 “National Emblem” as the State March.

10 An act relating to designating “National Emblem” as the State March

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. FINDINGS

13 The General Assembly finds:

14 (1) In 1902, Edwin Eugene Bagley, a native of Craftsbury and noted  
15 composer of marches, wrote the march “National Emblem.”

16 (2) Wheeler’s Band of Bellows Falls premiered “National Emblem,”  
17 and by 1908 it had been published and recorded.

18 (3) “National Emblem” incorporates the first 12 notes of the Star-  
19 Spangled Banner, and the trio section of the march is played when presenting  
20 and retiring the colors in a military ceremony.

1       Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 520 is added to read:

2       § 520. STATE MARCH

3             The State March shall be “National Emblem.”

4       Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5             This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.