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**HOUSE BILL 653**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO THE STATE; ADOPTING "NEW MEXICO: A BRIEF MULTI-HISTORY" BY RUBEN SALAZ MARQUEZ AS THE OFFICIAL STATE HISTORY BOOK; RECONCILING MULTIPLE AMENDMENTS TO INCLUDE THE STATE NICKNAME.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

**Section 1. Section 12-3-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1927, Chapter 102, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1999, Chapter 266, Section 1 and also by Laws 1999, Chapter 271, Section 1) is amended to read:**

**"12-3-4. STATE FLOWER--STATE BIRD--STATE TREE--STATE FISH--STATE ANIMAL--STATE VEGETABLES--STATE GEM--STATE GRASS--STATE FOSSIL--STATE COOKIE--STATE INSECT--STATE QUESTION--STATE NICKNAME--STATE HISTORY BOOK. --**

**A. The yucca flower is adopted as the official**

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1 flower of New Mexico.

2 B. The chaparral bird, commonly called roadrunner,  
3 is adopted as the official bird of New Mexico.

4 C. The nut pine or pinon tree, scientifically  
5 known as *Pinus edulis*, is adopted as the official tree of New  
6 Mexico.

7 D. The native New Mexico cutthroat trout is  
8 adopted as the official fish of New Mexico.

9 E. The native New Mexico black bear is adopted as  
10 the official animal of New Mexico.

11 F. The chile, the Spanish adaptation of the  
12 chilli, and the pinto bean, commonly known as the frijol, are  
13 adopted as the official vegetables of New Mexico.

14 G. The turquoise is adopted as the official gem of  
15 New Mexico.

16 H. The blue grama grass, scientifically known as  
17 *Bouteloua gracillis*, is adopted as the official grass of New  
18 Mexico.

19 I. The *coelophysis* is adopted as the official  
20 fossil of New Mexico.

21 J. The bizcochito is adopted as the official  
22 cookie of New Mexico.

23 K. The tarantula hawk wasp, scientifically known  
24 as *Pepsis formosa*, is adopted as the official insect of New  
25 Mexico.

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L. "Red or green?" is adopted as the official question of New Mexico.

M. "The Land of Enchantment" is adopted as the official nickname of New Mexico.

N. "New Mexico: A Brief Multi-History" by Ruben Salaz Marquez is adopted as the official history book of New Mexico. "

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