

# Legislative Analysis



## BLACK SWALLOWTAIL BUTTERFLY AS OFFICIAL STATE BUTTERFLY

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**House Bill 5642 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Julie Brixie**  
**Committee: Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation**  
**Complete to 3-17-22**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 5642 would create an act to designate the black swallowtail butterfly (*Papilio polydorus*) as Michigan's official state butterfly. It would take effect 90 days after enactment.

### BACKGROUND:

Bills to designate the black swallowtail butterfly as the official state butterfly have been introduced in several recent legislative sessions.<sup>1</sup>



Black swallowtail butterfly

Michigan is currently represented by many official state symbols, including the following:

- Bird: American robin
- Fish: brook trout
- Flower: apple blossom
- Game mammal: white-tailed deer
- Reptile: painted turtle
- Stone: Petoskey stone
- Tree: eastern white pine
- Wildflower: dwarf lake iris

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5642 is unlikely to affect costs or revenues for Michigan or local units of government.

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<sup>1</sup> HB 4314 and SB 167 of the 2019-20 session, SB 298 of 2017-18, SB 850 of 2015-16, and HB 6094 of 2013-14.