

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
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Amend printed copy of **SB 37/GA**

On page 1, line 23, after the word "coonhounds;" insert:

" and

WHEREAS, the eastern spotted skunk and eastern hellbender are native, nongame species historically present within Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the eastern hellbender is classified as a species of greatest conservation concern, and the eastern spotted skunk is classified as a species of high conservation concern; and

WHEREAS, official recognition of these species promotes environmental education, conservation awareness, and appreciation of Kentucky's natural heritage without fiscal or regulatory impact;"; and

On page 2, after line 2, by inserting:

"➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The eastern spotted skunk (*Spilogale putorius*) is named and designated as the official state nongame mammal of Kentucky.

➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The eastern hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis*) is named and designated as the official

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Rep. Rep. Derek Lewis

Committee Amendment _____

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