

House Bill 1013

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to other state symbols, so as to designate lemon pepper as the official Georgia state  
3 chicken wing flavor; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for  
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

- 8 (1) Chicken wings have long been a staple of American cuisine, with the Buffalo flavor  
9 first rising to prominence in the late 20th century;
- 10 (2) In 1982, J.R. Crickets, an Atlanta-based restaurant, introduced the chicken wing to  
11 Georgia, bringing with it the standard Buffalo flavor that quickly became a culinary  
12 mainstay;
- 13 (3) Over the years, Georgians elevated chicken wings into a cultural experience, giving  
14 birth to unique local flavors and traditions;
- 15 (4) Among these, lemon pepper has emerged as a flavor that is distinctly tied to Georgia,  
16 representing creativity, boldness, and Southern hospitality;

(5) Lemon pepper wings are enjoyed in countless variations, whether Buffalo with lemon pepper sprinkles, "lemon pepper wet," all flats, or hot honey lemon pepper;

(6) Lemon pepper wings resonate across Georgia communities, transcending race, region, and class, and bring people together at cookouts, family gatherings, sporting events, and neighborhood restaurants;

(7) Atlanta culture has carried lemon pepper wings to global recognition, through references in music by artists such as Gucci Mane, Ziggy2Playa, and Rick Ross; the celebrated NBA star Lou Williams, affectionately named "Lemon Pepper Lou"; and countless other cultural nods; and

(8) Just as peaches symbolize Georgia's agricultural pride, lemon pepper wings symbolize Georgia's cultural flavor and global culinary influence.

## **SECTION 2.**

Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"50-3-96.

Lemon pepper wings are designated as the official Georgia state chicken wing flavor."

## **SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.