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HOUSE BILL 204

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE SYMBOLS; DECLARING A STATE MINERAL.

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) 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  
ANSWER--STATE NICKNAME--STATE BUTTERFLY--STATE REPTILE--STATE  
AMPHIBIAN--STATE AIRCRAFT--STATE HISTORIC RAILROAD--STATE TIE--  
STATE NECKLACE--STATE MINERAL.--

A. The yucca flower is adopted as the official  
flower of New Mexico.

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

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

3 D. The native New Mexico cutthroat trout is adopted  
4 as the official fish of New Mexico.

5 E. The native New Mexico black bear is adopted as  
6 the official animal of New Mexico.

7 F. The chile, the Spanish adaptation of the chilli,  
8 and the pinto bean, commonly known as the frijol, are adopted  
9 as the official vegetables of New Mexico.

10 G. The turquoise is adopted as the official gem of  
11 New Mexico.

12 H. The blue grama grass, scientifically known as  
13 *Bouteloua gracillis*, is adopted as the official grass of New  
14 Mexico.

15 I. The *coelophysis* is adopted as the official  
16 fossil of New Mexico.

17 J. The bizcochito is adopted as the official cookie  
18 of New Mexico.

19 K. The tarantula hawk wasp, scientifically known as  
20 *Pepsis formosa*, is adopted as the official insect of New  
21 Mexico.

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

24 M. "Red and green or Christmas" is adopted as the  
25 official answer of New Mexico.

