

The House Committee on Special Rules offers the following substitute to HB 1013:

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 1979, Taco Mac opened in the Virginia-Highlands neighborhood, and this  
11 Atlanta-based restaurant introduced the chicken wing to Georgia, bringing with it the  
12 standard Buffalo flavor that quickly became a culinary 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;

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17 (5) In 1989, American Deli opened as a small family-owned business with one location  
18 in Atlanta, at South DeKalb Mall, and invented the cultural phenomenon "lemon pepper  
19 wet";

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

22 (7) Lemon pepper wings resonate across Georgia communities, transcending race,  
23 region, and class, and bring people together at cookouts, family gatherings, sporting  
24 events, and neighborhood restaurants such as JR Crickets, Wingstop, Hotlanta Wings,  
25 Magic City, and countless other establishments;

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

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

32 **SECTION 2.**

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

35 "50-3-96.

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

37 **SECTION 3.**

38 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.