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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would alter the official coat of arms of the State of Alabama.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the state coat of arms; to amend Sections 1-2-1 and 1-2-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to alter the official coat of arms of the State of Alabama.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 1-2-1 and 1-2-2, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§1-2-1

Alabama shall have an official coat of arms which shall be as follows: a shield upon which is carried the flags of ~~four of the five nations which~~ sovereigns that have at various times held ~~sovereignty~~ dominion over a part or the whole of what is now the State of Alabama: Spain, France, Great Britain, and the Confederacy Alabama itself. The union binding these flags shall be the shield of the United States. The shield upon which the flags and shield of the United States are placed shall be supported on either side by an eagle. The



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29 crest of the coat of arms shall be a ship representing the
30 "Badine" which brought the French ~~colonists~~ explorers who
31 established the first permanent ~~white settlements~~ European
32 colony in the state. Beneath the shield there shall be a
33 scroll containing the sentence in Latin: "Audemus jura nostra
34 defendere," the English interpretation of which is "We Dare
35 Maintain Our Rights." The word "Alabama" shall appear beneath
36 the state motto."

37 "§1-2-2

38 The coat of arms of Alabama as described in heraldic
39 terms shall be as follows: arms: quarterly, the first azure
40 three fleur de lis or (for France); second quarterly first and
41 fourth gules a tower tripple towered or, second and third
42 argent a lion rampant gules (for Spain); third azure a saltire
43 argent and gules over all a cross of the last fimbriated of
44 the second (for Great Britain); ~~fourth gules of a saltire~~
45 ~~azure, fimbriated argent 13 mullets of the last (for the~~
46 ~~Confederacy)~~ pure argenta crimson saltire imposed (for
47 Alabama); at center in escutcheon chief azure paly argent and
48 gules 13 (for the United States) arms supported by two
49 American eagles displayed. Crest: A full rigged ship proper."

50 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
51 1, 2025.