



## 1995 SENATE BILL 56

February 8, 1995 – Introduced by Senators FARROW, DRZEWIECKI, FITZGERALD, MOEN and ROSENZWEIG, cosponsored by Representatives URBAN, SCHNEIDERS, HAHN, SILBAUGH, LADWIG and SERATTI. Referred to Committee on State Government Operations and Corrections.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 1.10 of the statutes; **relating to:** designation of the “Badger  
2 State” as the state nickname.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill designates the “Badger State” as the state nickname and requires the Wisconsin Blue Book to include that information.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3 **SECTION 1.** 1.10 of the statutes is amended to read:  
4 **1.10 (title) State song, state nickname and state symbols.** The Wisconsin  
5 state song is “On, Wisconsin”, music written by W. T. Purdy, the words to which are  
6 as follows: “On, Wisconsin! On, Wisconsin! Grand old badger state! We, thy loyal sons  
7 and daughters, Hail thee, good and great. On, Wisconsin! On, Wisconsin Champion  
8 of the right, ‘Forward’, our motto—God will give thee might!”. The Wisconsin state  
9 nickname is the “Badger State”. The Wisconsin state dance is the polka. The state  
10 symbols are as follows: The mourning dove (*zenaidura macroura corolinensis*  
11 *linnaus*) is the symbol of peace; the Wisconsin state beverage is milk; the Wisconsin  
12 state tree is the sugar maple (*acer saccharum*); the Wisconsin state grain is corn (*Zea*

1 mays); the Wisconsin state flower is the wood violet (*viola papilionacea*); the  
2 Wisconsin state bird is the robin (*turdus migratorius*); the Wisconsin state fish is the  
3 muskellunge (*Esox masquinongy masquinongy* Mitchell); the Wisconsin state  
4 animal is the badger (*taxidea taxus*); the Wisconsin domestic animal is the dairy cow  
5 (*bos taurus*); the Wisconsin wildlife animal is the white-tailed deer (*odocoileus*  
6 *virginianus*); the Wisconsin state dog is the American water spaniel; the Wisconsin  
7 state insect is the honey bee (*apis mellifera*); the Wisconsin state fossil is the trilobite  
8 (*calymene celebra*); the Wisconsin state mineral is the galena (lead sulfide); the  
9 Wisconsin state rock is the red granite; and the Wisconsin state soil is the Antigo silt  
10 loam (typic glossoboralf). The Wisconsin Blue Book shall include the information  
11 contained in this section concerning the state song, nickname, dance, beverage, tree,  
12 grain, flower, bird, fish, animal, domestic animal, wildlife animal, dog, insect, fossil,  
13 mineral, rock and soil.

14 (END)