

STATE INSECT DRAWING COMPETITION



Draw me your best
picture of the
American Burying
Beetle enjoying RI!



Governor Gina M. Raimondo announced today a competition to celebrate and bring attention to our new state insect. She is calling for drawings of the American Burying Beetle partaking in a classic Rhode Island activity.

"Now that the American Burying Beetle is a symbol for our state, I want to see your drawings of our state insect as a true Rhode Islander," said Raimondo. "Whether that is a picture of the beetle sipping on a Del's, or hanging out on the beach- I would love to see how you imagine our newest Rhode Islander truly embracing its role."

Earlier this year, the Rhode Island General Assembly approved legislation to make the American Burying Beetle Rhode Island's official state insect. The bill was introduced by Sen. V. Susan Sosnowski (D-Dist. 37, South Kingstown, New Shoreham) at the request of third graders at St. Michael's School in Newport, who began their quest upon learning that Rhode Island is one of only four states without a state insect. The Governor will ceremoniously sign their Bill into law this Wednesday, July 15.

This drawing competition is open to 1st through 6th graders throughout the state. The winning artist will have their artwork put on display in the Governor's State Room of the State House.

If you would like to enter the contest, or know someone who would like to enter, please send all drawings to:

Communications@governor.ri.gov

or by mail to:

State Insect Drawing Competition
C/O Governor's Communications Office
82 Smith Street, Room 128
Providence, RI
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**All entries must be postmarked or sent to the email address listed above by
Friday, August 14.**

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