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Introduced by Representatives Bos-Lun of Westminster, Berbeco of Winooski,
Brumsted of Shelburne, Coffey of Guilford, Cole of Hartford,
Dodge of Essex, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of
Rockingham, Labor of Morgan, Page of Newport City, Priestley
of Bradford, Stebbins of Burlington, and Waters Evans of
Charlotte

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: General Provisions; State-designated symbols; State Mushroom

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to designate
Hericum Americanum, commonly known as the bear's head tooth mushroom,
as the State Mushroom.

An act relating to designating a State Mushroom

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. FINDINGS

The General Assembly finds:

(1) Vermont does not yet have a State Mushroom, despite having a State
Vegetable, a State Bird, a State Tree, and other State symbols.

1 (2) Learning about, identifying, and foraging for mushrooms is a hobby
2 that thousands of young and old Vermonters enjoy and allows Vermonters to
3 spend time in the State’s natural environment.

4 (3) Designating a State Mushroom recognizes the unique and delightful
5 treasures that exist in our State woods.

6 (4) The bear’s head tooth mushroom has been voted on and
7 recommended by two southern Vermont schools because it is a unique but
8 easy-to-identify mushroom with nutritional and medicinal qualities.

9 Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 520 is added to read:

10 § 520. STATE MUSHROOM

11 The State Mushroom shall be Hericium Americanum, commonly known as
12 the bear’s head tooth mushroom.

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.