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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 *Heridium Americanum*, commonly known as
12 the bear's head tooth mushroom.

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.