

No. 101. An act relating to designating a State Mushroom.

(H.664)

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.

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

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

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

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

§ 520. STATE MUSHROOM

The State Mushroom shall be *Heridium Americanum*, commonly known as the bear's head tooth mushroom.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 7, 2024