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2 An act relating to designating a State Mushroom

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

4 Sec. 1. FINDINGS

5 The General Assembly finds:

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

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

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

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

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

17 § 520. STATE MUSHROOM

18 The State Mushroom shall be Hericium Americanum, commonly known as
19 the bear's head tooth mushroom.

20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.