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SENATE BILL 116

Short Title: Venus Flytrap Official Carnivorous Plant. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Purcell.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ADOPT THE VENUS FLYTRAP AS THE OFFICIAL CARNIVOROUS
3 PLANT OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, the Venus flytrap is a small flowering perennial plant that grows in
5 boggy areas of the Southeastern United States; and

6 Whereas, the Venus flytrap is unique in that it is a carnivorous plant
7 characterized by leaves with hinged lobes that spring shut when stimulated by insects;
8 and

9 Whereas, the Venus flytrap is native to the coastal plain of North Carolina
10 and is legally protected by the State as a species of special concern; and

11 Whereas, the Venus flytrap deserves to be adopted as the official carnivorous
12 plant of the State of North Carolina because it is a mysterious and wonderful natural
13 resource; Now, therefore,

14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

15 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
16 new section to read:

17 "**§ 145-22. State carnivorous plant.**

18 The Venus flytrap (*Dionaea muscipula*) is adopted as the official carnivorous plant
19 of the State of North Carolina."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.