GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE DRS75054-LG-13 (01/06)

Short Title:	Venus Flytrap Official Carnivorous Plant.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Purcell.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADOPT THE VENUS FLYTRAP AS THE OFFICIAL CARNIVOROUS PLANT OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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

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

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

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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