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Summary: Official Carnivorous Plant

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 3/1/2023 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 4)

 3/1/2023 Senate Referred to Committee on **Family and Veterans' Services** (Senate Journal‑page 4)

 3/22/2023 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Family and Veterans' Services** (Senate Journal‑page 9)

 3/28/2023 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 77)

 3/29/2023 Senate Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal‑page 26)

 3/29/2023 Senate Roll call Ayes-36 Nays-5 (Senate Journal‑page 26)

 3/30/2023 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 25)

 3/30/2023 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** (House Journal‑page 25)

 4/26/2023 House Recalled from Committee on **Education and Public Works** (House Journal‑page 43)

 4/27/2023 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 31)

 4/27/2023 House Roll call Yeas-98 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 31)

 4/27/2023 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal‑page 32)

 4/28/2023 House Read third time and enrolled (House Journal‑page 3)

 5/2/2023 Ratified R 19

 5/8/2023 Signed By Governor

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(A11, R19, S581)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1‑1‑661 SO AS TO NAME THE VENUS FLYTRAP THE OFFICIAL CARNIVOROUS PLANT OF THE STATE.

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 one of the most internationally recognized carnivorous plants, characterized by leaves with hinged lobes that spring shut when stimulated by insects and is dependent on a fire‑maintained landscape; and

Whereas, the Venus flytrap is federally designated as an At‑Risk Species and the State of South Carolina is just one of two places in the world where the Venus flytrap is native; and

Whereas, the Venus flytrap is considered globally imperiled and Horry County is known to have the only remaining population of the Venus flytrap in the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Official Carnivorous Plant

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 1 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 1‑1‑661. The Venus flytrap (Dionaea Muscipula) is the official carnivorous plant of the State.

Time effective

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 2nd day of May, 2023.

Approved the 8th day of May, 2023.

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