**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO STATE EMBLEMS, BY ADDING SECTION 1‑1‑712A TO DESIGNATE THE MAMMOTH AS THE OFFICIAL STATE FOSSIL.

Whereas, giant mammoths used to roam South Carolina; and

Whereas, scientists have identified the fossils of about 650 species of vertebrates in South Carolina so far; and

Whereas, it has been recognized that fossilized mammoth teeth were discovered in a swamp in South Carolina in 1725; and

Whereas, this discovery has been credited as the first scientific identification of a North American vertebrate fossil. Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 1, Title 1 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 1‑1‑712A. The ‘mammoth’ is designated as the official State Fossil of South Carolina.”

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

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