COMMITTEE REPORT

April 30, 2014

**S. 1136**

Introduced by Senators Shealy, Hembree, Bennett, Johnson, Campbell, Cleary, Turner, Cromer and McElveen

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Read the first time March 19, 2014.

**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 1136) to amend Article 9, Chapter 1, Title 1 of the 1976 Code, by adding Section 1‑1‑720, relating to state emblems, to designate barbecue as the, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact with this bill.

*Approved By:*

Brenda Hart

Office of State Budget

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 1‑1‑720, RELATING TO STATE EMBLEMS, TO DESIGNATE BARBECUE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE PICNIC CUISINE.

Whereas, South Carolina is “The Birthplace of Barbecue”. Barbecue’s roots can be traced to the 1500’s when Spaniard explorers first brought pigs to the New World. The local Native Americans taught the Spaniards how to cook the whole pig over low, indirect heat, which is the blueprint for creating modern‑day American barbecue; and

Whereas, South Carolina is unique in that it is the only state where one can find all four barbecue finishing sauces: vinegar and pepper, mustard, light tomato, and heavy tomato; and

Whereas, South Carolina’s love of barbecue can be explored through the South Carolina “BBQ Trail”, a marketing and advertising campaign by state tourism officials to create more business for “mom‑and‑pop” barbecue restaurants in South Carolina. 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 1‑1‑720. Barbecue is designated as the official State Picnic Cuisine of South Carolina.”

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

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