

House Bill 1278

By: Representative Moore of the 91st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to other state symbols, so as to designate collard greens as the official state greens,
3 with "potlikka" as the official state dipping sauce of the official state bread; to provide
4 legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent
5 repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

- 9 (1) The colorful history and traditions of the State of Georgia are inextricably associated
10 with the food traditions of root vegetables and greens, chock-full of vitamins and
11 minerals that are healthy for us, and among the many legacies of this proud heritage is
12 the delicious dish and its liquid, a dipping sauce known as collard greens with "potlikka";
13 (2) Collard greens' "potlikka" serves as an especially excellent dipping sauce for all
14 manner of breads;
15 (3) During the holidays, tens of thousands of Georgians especially enjoy dipping
16 cornbread, the official Georgia state bread, in their collard greens with "potlikka";

H. B. 1278

17 (4) Collard greens with "potlikka" enjoy a singular stature in Georgia history and culture
18 that is rivaled only by its undeniable appeal as a unique and satisfying food. Establishing
19 collard greens with "potlikka" as the official Georgia state dipping sauce of the official
20 Georgia state bread is necessary to fully recognize the importance of this product to this
21 state; and

22 (5) The State of Georgia is the second highest producer in the country of collards, with
23 almost 20 percent of the state's farmed acreage and almost 30,000 acres devoted to the
24 crop.

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other
27 state symbols, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

28 "50-3-93.

29 Collard greens are designated as the official Georgia state greens, and 'potlikka' is
30 designated as the official Georgia state dipping sauce of the official Georgia state bread."

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, only if an Act to provide for the designation
33 of cornbread as the official Georgia state bread becomes effective on or before July 1, 2024.

34 If such an Act does not become law, then this Act shall not become effective and shall stand
35 repealed on July 1, 2024.

36 **SECTION 4.**

37 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.