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SENATE BILL DRS35023-LG-26

Short Title: Designate Official State Spider. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hise (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT ADOPTING THE LINVILLE CAVERNS SPIDER AS THE STATE'S OFFICIAL  
3 SPIDER.

4 Whereas, scaffold web spiders can be found throughout the United States, most often  
5 in caves and rock crevices near rivers and streams; and

6 Whereas, one species of scaffold web spider known as the Linville Caverns spider  
7 (Nesticus carolinensis) can be found in the Linville Caverns in western North Carolina; and

8 Whereas, the Linville Caverns spider is unique to North Carolina because it has not  
9 been found in any other place in the world; and

10 Whereas, it is only fitting that the Linville Caverns spider be designated as the State's  
11 official spider; Now, therefore,

12 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

15 "**§ 145-52. State spider.**

16 The Linville Caverns spider (Nesticus carolinensis) is adopted as the official State spider of  
17 North Carolina."

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

