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**A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DEFINE “FALCONRY” AND MAKE IT LAWFUL TO ENGAGE IN FALCONRY IN SOUTH CAROLINA JANUARY 1, 2014, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF FALCONRY, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.**

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

**Falconry allowed, regulations, penalty**

SECTION 1. (A) Falconry is the hunting of wild quarry in its natural state and habitat by means of a trained bird of prey or raptor (Order Falconiformes or Order Strigiformes other than bald eagle).

(B) A resident of this State may lawfully engage in falconry in this State after December 31, 2013, if the person holds a valid South Carolina statewide hunting license and as of December 31, 2013, the person held a valid federal falconry permit and complies with the provisions of subsection (C)(1) of this section.

(C)(1) Those federal regulations governing engaging in falconry applicable in this State as of December 31, 2013, are deemed incorporated into the text of this joint resolution, mutatis mutandis, and apply in this State after December 31, 2013. These regulations, as incorporated, must be enforced by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources as applicable.

(2) After December 31, 2013, a person engaging in falconry in violation of the regulations made applicable in this State pursuant to this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. The provisions of this joint resolution take effect upon approval by the Governor and apply only through December 31, 2014.

Ratified the 4th day of June, 2013.

Approved the 7th day of June, 2013.

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