**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 10, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, TO PROVIDE THAT A HUNTER’S PRIVILEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN LOTTERY HUNTS MAY BE REVOKED IF A DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITNESSES, OR HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT, A VIOLATION OF THE ARTICLE HAS OCCURRED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR REMEDIES IF THE HUNTER IS NOT CONVICTED OF VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE ARISING FROM THE LOTTERY HUNT.

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

SECTION 1. Article 10, Chapter 11, Title 50 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 50‑11‑2240. (A) In addition to any other action that may be taken by an enforcement officer, a hunter’s privilege to participate in a wildlife management area lottery hunt may be revoked if an enforcement officer witnesses, or has probable cause to believe that, the hunter violated any provision of this article, or regulations promulgated pursuant to this article, during the hunt.

(B) If the hunter is not convicted of a violation of this article arising from the occurrence precipitating the suspension of his privilege to participate in the lottery hunt, then he, without having to pay any fees associated with participation, may elect to:

(1) participate in the next lottery hunt of the type for which his privilege was revoked; or

(2) have reinstated his preference points for determining his status for a future lottery hunt of the type for which his privilege was revoked.”

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

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