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 5/9/2017 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20170509.docx))

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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑1710, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SIZE LIMITS FOR CERTAIN FISH THAT MAY BE LAWFULLY TAKEN, POSSESSED, LANDED, SOLD, OR PURCHASED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SIZE LIMIT FOR FLOUNDER THAT MAY BE LAWFULLY TAKEN, POSSESSED, LANDED, SOLD, OR PURCHASED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-1705, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CATCH LIMITS FOR CERTAIN FISH, SO AS TO REDUCE THE CATCH LIMIT FOR FLOUNDER.**

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

**Flounder size limit**

SECTION 1. Section 50‑5‑1710(B)(2) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 7 of 2013, is further amended to read:

 “(2) flounder (Paralichthys) of less than fifteen inches total length;”

**Flounder catch limit**

SECTION 2. Section 50‑5‑1705(G) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 50 of 2013, is further amended to read:

 “(G) It is unlawful for a person to take or possess more than ten flounder (Paralichthys species) taken by means of gig, spear, hook and line, or similar device in any one day, not to exceed twenty flounder in any one day on any boat.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2017.

Ratified the 15th day of May, 2017.

Approved the 19th day of May, 2017.

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