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COMMITTEE REPORT

April 18, 2018

**H. 4946**

Introduced by Reps. Erickson, Bradley, Bowers and M. Rivers

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**THE COMMITTEE ON FISH, GAME AND FORESTRY**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4946) to amend Section 50‑5‑1005, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the issuance of shellfish importation permits, so as to delete the provision, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

GEORGE E. CAMPSEN III for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑1005, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SHELLFISH IMPORTATION PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ISSUE PERMITS TO PERSONS TO POSSESS, PRODUCE, PURCHASE, OR SELL GENETICALLY MODIFIED SHELLFISH, AND THE PROVISION THAT PROHIBITS THE PLACEMENT OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED SHELLFISH IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE WITHOUT A PERMIT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑5‑1005(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(B)(1) The department may grant permits to persons to possess, produce, purchase, or sell ~~genetically modified shellfish, including~~ polyploid shellfish.

(2) No ~~genetically modified shellfish, including~~ polypoid shellfish, may be placed in the waters of this State or waters connected to the waters of this State, except under the provisions of a permit issued by the department.”

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

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