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Governor's Action: April 16, 2021, Signed

Summary: Nongame devices, possession

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 12/16/2020 House Prefiled

 12/16/2020 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs**

 1/12/2021 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 234](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210112.docx))

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 2/17/2021 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 5](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210217.docx))

 2/23/2021 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Jefferson, R.Williams

 2/23/2021 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210223.docx))

 2/23/2021 House Roll call Yeas‑114 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210223.docx))

 2/24/2021 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 16](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210224.docx))

 2/24/2021 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210224.docx))

 2/24/2021 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210224.docx))

 4/6/2021 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210406.docx))

 4/13/2021 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210413.docx))

 4/13/2021 Senate Roll call Ayes‑41 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210413.docx))

 4/14/2021 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210414.docx))

 4/15/2021 Ratified R 25

 4/16/2021 Signed By Governor

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(A16, R25, H3548)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50‑13‑670, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF NONGAME DEVICES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROHIBITION ON THE POSSESSION OF A GAME FISH DEVICE WHILE POSSESSING OR USING A NONGAME DEVICE.**

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

**Nongame Device, game fish device prohibition removed**

SECTION 1. Section 50‑13‑670 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 50‑13‑670. It is unlawful for a person to have in possession game fish, except live bream on those water bodies where permitted as live bait, while possessing or using nongame devices. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person using a cast net.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect on July 1, 2021.

Ratified the 15th day of April, 2021.

Approved the 16th day of April, 2021.

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