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**H. 4538**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Whitmire, Bustos, Forrest and Hixon

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Introduced in the House on January 11, 2022

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Currently residing in the Senate Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry**

Summary: Dog control

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

11/10/2021 House Prefiled

11/10/2021 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs**

1/11/2022 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 48](file:///h:\hj\20220111.docx))

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1/26/2022 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Forrest, Hixon

1/27/2022 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\hj\20220127.docx))

2/2/2022 House Debate adjourned until Thur., 2‑3‑22 ([House Journal‑page 23](file:///h:\hj\20220202.docx))

2/3/2022 House Debate adjourned until Thur., 2‑8‑22 ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\hj\20220203.docx))

2/8/2022 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 2‑9‑22 ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\hj\20220208.docx))

2/9/2022 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 2‑15‑22 ([House Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\hj\20220209.docx))

2/15/2022 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 2‑16‑22 ([House Journal‑page 29](file:///h:\hj\20220215.docx))

2/16/2022 House Debate adjourned until Thu., 2‑17‑22 ([House Journal‑page 40](file:///h:\hj\20220216.docx))

2/17/2022 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 2‑23‑22 ([House Journal‑page 38](file:///h:\hj\20220217.docx))

2/23/2022 House Debate adjourned until Thur., 2‑24‑22 ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\hj\20220223.docx))

2/24/2022 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 3‑1‑22 ([House Journal‑page 31](file:///h:\hj\20220224.docx))

3/1/2022 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 3‑2‑22 ([House Journal‑page 26](file:///h:\hj\20220301.docx))

3/2/2022 House Debate adjourned until Thurs., 3‑3‑22 ([House Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\hj\20220302.docx))

3/3/2022 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 3‑8‑22 ([House Journal‑page 7](file:///h:\hj\20220303.docx))

3/8/2022 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 3‑9‑22 ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\hj\20220308.docx))

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3/10/2022 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 41](file:///h:\hj\20220310.docx))

3/10/2022 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 73](file:///h:\hj\20220310.docx))

3/29/2022 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 43](file:///h:\hj\20220329.docx))

3/30/2022 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 18](file:///h:\hj\20220330.docx))

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4/5/2022 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 7](file:///h:\hj\20220405.docx))

4/6/2022 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 4‑19‑22 ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\hj\20220406.docx))

4/19/2022 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 229](file:///h:\hj\20220419.docx))

4/20/2022 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\hj\20220420.docx))

4/20/2022 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\hj\20220420.docx))

4/20/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑103 Nays‑1 ([House Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\hj\20220420.docx))

4/21/2022 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\hj\20220421.docx))

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4/21/2022 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 3](file:///h:\sj\20220421.docx))

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AMENDED

April 20, 2022

**H. 4538**

Introduced by Reps. Whitmire, Bustos, Forrest and Hixon

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Read the first time January 11, 2022.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50‑1‑320 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF AN ELECTRONIC COLLAR OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE PLACED ON A DOG BY ITS OWNER TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE DOG.

Amend Title To Conform

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

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

“Section 50‑11‑785. (A) It is unlawful to intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar or other electronic device placed on a dog by its owner.

(B) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be:

(1) fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than ten days for a first offense; or

(2) fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days for a second or subsequent offense.”

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

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