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Summary: Trap placement

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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2/16/2022 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 39](file:///h:\hj\20220216.docx))

2/16/2022 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 39](file:///h:\hj\20220216.docx))

3/31/2022 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 24](file:///h:\hj\20220331.docx))

4/5/2022 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s).  Govan, GM Smith, Hiott, B Cox, Bamberg, McDaniel, Henderson‑Myers, Brawley, JL Johnson, Clyburn, Alexander, Rivers, S Williams ([House Journal‑page 19](file:///h:\hj\20220405.docx))

4/6/2022 House Requests for debate removed‑Rep(s).  Govan, Bamberg, Clyburn, B Cox, Hiott, McDaniel, Henderson‑Myers, JL Johnson, S Williams, GM Smith, Alexander ([House Journal‑page 70](file:///h:\hj\20220406.docx))

4/6/2022 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 133](file:///h:\hj\20220406.docx))

4/6/2022 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 133](file:///h:\hj\20220406.docx))

4/6/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑110 Nays‑1 ([House Journal‑page 134](file:///h:\hj\20220406.docx))

4/7/2022 House Read third time and sent to Senate

4/7/2022 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\sj\20220407.docx))

4/7/2022 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\sj\20220407.docx))

4/26/2022 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\sj\20220426.docx))

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5/3/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑40 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 53](file:///h:\sj\20220503.docx))

5/4/2022 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj\20220504.docx))

5/10/2022 House Senate amendment amended ([House Journal‑page 602](file:///h:\hj\20220510.docx))

5/10/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑107 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 603](file:///h:\hj\20220510.docx))

5/10/2022 House Returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 604](file:///h:\hj\20220510.docx))

5/11/2022 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 187](file:///h:\sj\20220511.docx))

5/12/2022 Ratified R 224 ([Senate Journal‑page 228](file:///h:\sj\20220512.docx))

5/16/2022 Signed By Governor

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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑555, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TRAP PLACEMENT, SO AS TO PROHIBIT TRAPS IN THE WATERS OF THE GENERAL TRAWL ZONE WHEN THESE WATERS ARE OPEN TO TRAWLING FOR SHRIMP; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑2540, RELATING TO TRAPPING SEASON OF FURBEARING ANIMALS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR TRAPPING FURBEARING ANIMALS ON PRIVATE LAND FOR NONCOMMERCIAL PURPOSES AND TO ALLOW FOR THE YEAR ROUND TRAPPING OF BEAVERS ON PRIVATE LAND FOR NONCOMMERCIAL PURPOSES.**

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

**Trap placement**

SECTION 1. Section 50‑5‑555 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection at the end to read:

“( ) No trap may be in the waters of the General Trawling Zone as established by Section 50‑5‑705 when these waters are open to trawling for shrimp.”

**Trapping season for furbearing animals**

SECTION 2. Section 50‑11‑2540 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50‑11‑2540. (A) It is lawful to trap furbearing animals for commercial purposes from December first of each year to March first of the succeeding year. It is lawful for an individual, or an individual’s agent, to trap furbearing animals on the individual’s private land for a noncommercial purpose with only a valid statewide hunting license during the established open hunting season. It is unlawful to trap any other times unless authorized by the department. It is lawful to take furbearing animals by other lawful means during the general open hunting seasons established therefor.

(B) It is lawful to trap coyotes from December first of each year to March first of the succeeding year. It is unlawful to trap coyotes at any other time unless authorized by the department. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 50‑11‑1080, it is lawful to take coyotes by other lawful means at any time during the year.

(C) It is lawful for an individual, or an individual’s agent, to trap beavers on the individual’s private land for a noncommercial purpose with only a valid statewide hunting license year round.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect sixty days after signature by the Governor.

Ratified the 12th day of May, 2022.

Approved the 16th day of May, 2022.

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