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1/12/2022 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20220112.docx))

1/12/2022 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20220112.docx))

2/16/2022 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\sj\20220216.docx))

2/22/2022 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\sj\20220222.docx))

2/22/2022 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\sj\20220222.docx))

2/22/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑42 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\sj\20220222.docx))

2/23/2022 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj\20220223.docx))

2/24/2022 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 23](file:///h:\hj\20220224.docx))

2/24/2022 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 23](file:///h:\hj\20220224.docx))

3/31/2022 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\hj\20220331.docx))

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4/19/2022 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 222](file:///h:\hj\20220419.docx))

4/19/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑98 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 222](file:///h:\hj\20220419.docx))

4/20/2022 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\hj\20220420.docx))

4/20/2022 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\hj\20220420.docx))

4/20/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑100 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\hj\20220420.docx))

4/21/2022 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\sj\20220421.docx))

4/21/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑41 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\sj\20220421.docx))

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5/16/2022 Signed By Governor

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(A178, R182, S980)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑2730, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO DESIGNATE CATCH LIMITS AND MINIMUM SIZES FOR RED SNAPPER.**

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

**Federal fishing regulations declared to be law of this State, exceptions**

SECTION 1. Section 50‑5‑2730 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 15 of 2021, is further amended to read:

“(A) Unless otherwise provided by law, any regulations promulgated by the federal government under the Fishery Conservation and Management Act (PL 94‑265) or the Atlantic Tuna Conservation Act (PL 94‑70) which establishes seasons, fishing periods, gear restrictions, sales restrictions, or bag, catch, size, or possession limits on fish are declared to be the law of this State and apply statewide including in state waters.

(B) This provision does not apply to:

(1) black sea bass (Centropristis striata) whose lawful catch limit is five fish per person per day or the same as the federal limit for black sea bass, whichever is higher. The lawful minimum size for black sea bass is thirteen inches total length and there is no closed season; or

(2) red snapper (Lutjanus campechanus) whose lawful catch limit is two fish per person per day. The lawful minimum size for red snapper is twenty inches total length and there is no closed season.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 12th day of May, 2022.

Approved the 16th day of May, 2022.

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