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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 2/16/2023 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** (House Journal‑page 18)

 5/2/2023 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** (House Journal‑page 5)

 5/3/2023 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 70)

 5/3/2023 House Roll call Yeas-90 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 71)

 5/4/2023 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 25)

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 5/4/2023 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** (Senate Journal‑page 11)

 2/8/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Fish, Game and Forestry** (Senate Journal‑page 5)

 2/14/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 25)

 2/14/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-1 (Senate Journal‑page 25)

 2/15/2024 Senate Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal‑page 9)

 3/7/2024 Ratified R 123

 3/11/2024 Signed By Governor

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑11‑1920, RELATING TO THE SALE OF EXOTIC FARM‑RAISED VENISON, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION.

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

Sale of white‑tailed deer organ meat

SECTION 1. Section 50‑11‑1920 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 (H) The provisions of this section do not apply to the retail sale of white‑tailed deer organ meat, packaged as pet treats, by official establishments certified by the State Livestock‑Poultry Health Division, Clemson University, or the United States Department of Agriculture. The official establishment first must obtain an annual permit from the department, at no cost. For the purposes of this subsection organ meat is defined as white‑tailed deer heart, kidney, liver, lung, and spleen. Any product offered for sale pursuant to this subsection must bear the name of the official establishment and have an official product registration as required by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Time effective

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

Ratified the 7th day of March, 2024.

Approved the 11th day of March, 2024.

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