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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑13‑640, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF BLUE CATFISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS MORE THAN TWO BLUE CATFISH LONGER THAN THIRTY‑TWO INCHES PER DAY ONLY IN LAKE MARION, LAKE MOULTRIE, OR THE UPPER REACH OF THE SANTEE RIVER, AND THE CONGAREE AND WATEREE RIVERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A DAILY CATCH LIMIT OF TWENTY‑FIVE BLUE CATFISH A DAY ONLY IN LAKE MARION, LAKE MOULTRIE, AND THE UPPER REACH OF THE SANTEE RIVER.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑13‑640 (A) and (B) of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

 (A) It is unlawful to possess more than two blue catfish (Ictalurus furcatus) greater than thirty‑two inches in length in any one day in Lake Marion, Lake Moultrie, or the upper reach of the Santee River, and the Congaree and Wateree rivers, and all other state waterways.

 (B) It is unlawful to take possess more than twenty‑five blue catfish (Ictalurus furcatus) a day in Lake Marion, Lake Moultrie, and the upper reach of the Santee River, and all other state waterways.

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

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