

## Session 122 - (2017-2018)

**H\*3601 (Rat #0106, Act #0071 of 2017) General Bill, By Clemons, Pitts, Hiott, Hardee, Duckworth, Crawford, Yow, Delleney, Lowe, White, Hewitt and Hixon**

**Summary:** Bear hunting

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50-9-665, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF BEAR HUNTING TAGS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE WHICH PROVIDES THAT IN GAME ZONES OTHER THAN GAME ZONE 1, APPLICANTS FOR BEAR TAGS, UPON THE PAYMENT OF AN APPLICATION FEE, MUST BE CHOSEN BY RANDOM DRAWING WHICH ARE VALID FOR A SPECIFIED GAME ZONE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-430, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE HUNTING OF BEAR, SO AS TO DELETE STATUTORY LANGUAGE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ISSUE BEAR TAGS TO ALLOW THE HUNTING AND TAKING OF BEAR IN ANY GAME ZONE WHERE BEAR OCCUR, WITH SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR GAME ZONES 2, 3, AND 4, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MUST PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO SET THE CONDITIONS FOR TAKING OF BEAR, INCLUDING METHODS OF TAKE, AREAS, TIMES, LIMITS, SEASONS, AND OTHER CONDITIONS TO PROPERLY CONTROL THE HARVEST OF BEAR, TO PROVIDE OTHER PROVISIONS, PROCEDURES, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HUNTING AND HARVESTING OF BEAR IN GAME ZONES 2, 3, AND 4, TO PROVIDE A REQUIREMENT THAT ANY BEAR TAKEN MUST BE TAGGED AND REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY MIDNIGHT OF THE DAY OF THE HARVEST, TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO FAIL TO REPORT A BEAR HARVEST IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT RETAINS JURISDICTION FOR OFFENSES MADE UNLAWFUL BY THIS SECTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT, BY JULY 1, 2018, SHALL PROVIDE TO SPECIFIED RECIPIENTS A REPORT OF A ONE-YEAR STUDY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE HARVEST SUMMARY OF BLACK BEAR IN GAME ZONES 1 THROUGH 4. - ratified title

01/31/17	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 9)
01/31/17	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 9)
01/31/17	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Kirby
03/23/17	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 2)
03/28/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hewitt
03/29/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon
03/29/17	House	Amended (House Journal-page 54)
03/29/17	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 54)
03/29/17	House	Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 58)
03/30/17	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 15)
03/30/17	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 9)
03/30/17	Senate	Referred to Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry (Senate Journal-page 9)
05/03/17	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Fish, Game and Forestry (Senate Journal-page 16)
05/05/17		Scrivener's error corrected
05/09/17	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 51)
05/09/17	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 51)
05/09/17	Senate	Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 51)
05/10/17	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 40)
05/10/17	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 40)
05/10/17	Senate	Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-2 (Senate Journal-page 40)
05/10/17	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 53)
05/10/17	House	Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 54)
05/15/17		Ratified R 106
05/19/17		Signed By Governor
05/26/17		Effective date 5/19/17
05/31/17		Act No. 71