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H 4746 General Bill, By Jefferson, Hosey, Whipper, Anderson, J. Brown, Clyburn, Govan, J. Hines, Hodges, Kennedy, Leach, Littlejohn, Mitchell, Parks, Rivers, G.M. Smith and Weeks

Summary: Striped bass

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-221 SO AS TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO TAKE OR POSSESS MORE THAN TWO STRIPED BASS (ROCKFISH) PER DAY IN LAKE MARION, LAKE MOULTRIE, AND THE DIVERSION CANAL, TO PROVIDE THAT NO SIZE LIMITS APPLY TO THIS TWO-FISH LIMIT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-222 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STRIPED BASS FRY STOCKED ANNUALLY IN LAKE MARION AND LAKE MOULTRIE, BY AT LEAST TEN PERCENT A YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS; TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DAILY CATCH LIMITS OF FIVE STRIPED BASS IN CERTAIN WATERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE LAKE MARION, LAKE MOULTRIE, AND DIVERSION CANAL FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-230, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO REVISE STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SECTION 50-13-221 WITHIN THIS SECTION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-235, AS AMENDED, REQUIRING STRIPED BASS TAKEN FROM CERTAIN WATERS TO BE AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE INCHES IN SIZE, SO AS TO DELETE LAKE MARION AND LAKE MOULTRIE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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