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H 4843 General Bill, By Sharpe and Witherspoon Similar (S 1135)

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA MARINE RESOURCES LAW", REVISING PROVISIONS OF LAW REGULATING AND GOVERNING MARINE RESOURCES AND THE MANNER IN WHICH AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH MARINE LIFE MAY BE HARVESTED, ESTABLISHING A POINT SYSTEM FOR MARINE RESOURCE LAW VIOLATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VARIOUS VIOLATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR COMMISSIONERS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TO THE ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-130, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, SO AS TO PROVIDE HOW LONG EMERGENCY REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY A NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-1-30, RELATING TO CLASSIFICATIONS OF WILDLIFE, SO AS TO CLASSIFY MARINE LIFE INCLUDED WITHIN THE TERM "SALTWATER GAME FISH"; TO ADD SECTION 50-1-285 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE REMOVAL, DISTURBANCE, OR DAMAGE TO SIGNS, BUOYS, DEVICES, OR PROPERTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN SPECIFIED AREAS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-650, RELATING TO THE USE OF NETS OR SEINES TO CATCH SHAD IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE SAVANNAH RIVER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO USE NETS AND SEINES IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE SAVANNAH RIVER; TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-730, RELATING TO THE USE OF NETS TO TAKE NONGAME FISH IN GAME ZONE 9, SO AS TO EXCLUDE SHAD, HERRING, AND STURGEON FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; TO ADD SECTION 50-21-175 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPERATOR AND CREW OF ANY WATERCRAFT OPERATING IN STATE WATERS ARE REQUIRED TO HEAVE TO, ALLOW BOARDING, AND COOPERATE WITH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PERSONNEL, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, OR UNITED STATES COAST GUARD PERSONNEL, AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; TO REDESIGNATE SECTION 50-13-990, RELATING TO SURFING NEAR FISHING PIERS AS SECTION 50-21-180; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 44-1-152, CHAPTER 7 OF TITLE 50, CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE 50, SECTIONS 50-13-190, 50-13-700, 50-13-735, 50-13-770, 50-13-800; 50-19-320, AND CHAPTER 20 OF TITLE 50 RELATING TO VARIOUS WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES LAW.

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