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**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Governor's Action: No signature required

Summary: Hunting and fishing

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 1/12/2011 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C01-12-11.docx))

 1/12/2011 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 18](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C01-12-11.docx))

 1/27/2011 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Owens, Bikas

 2/9/2011 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 5](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-09-11.docx))

 2/10/2011 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Sellers, Ott, Clemmons

 2/15/2011 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-15-11.docx))

 2/15/2011 House Roll call Yeas‑102 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-15-11.docx))

 2/16/2011 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 19](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-16-11.docx))

 2/16/2011 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-16-11.docx))

 2/16/2011 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-16-11.docx))

 3/7/2011 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Campsen (ch), Cleary, Scott

 4/20/2011 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2011%5C04-20-11.docx))

 4/26/2011 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 16](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2011%5C04-26-11.docx))

 4/26/2011 Senate Roll call Ayes‑40 Nays‑1 ([Senate Journal‑page 16](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2011%5C04-26-11.docx))

 4/27/2011 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2011%5C04-27-11.docx))

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**AN ACT TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE STATE’S CONSTITUTION, BY ADDING SECTION 25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT HUNTING AND FISHING ARE VALUABLE PARTS OF THE STATE’S HERITAGE, IMPORTANT FOR CONSERVATION, AND A PROTECTED MEANS OF MANAGING NONTHREATENED WILDLIFE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO HUNT, FISH, AND HARVEST WILDLIFE TRADITIONALLY PURSUED, SUBJECT TO LAWS AND REGULATIONS PROMOTING SOUND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT AS PRESCRIBED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO SPECIFY THAT THIS SECTION MUST NOT BE CONSTRUED TO ABROGATE ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS, EXISTING STATE LAWS OR REGULATIONS, OR THE STATE’S SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.**

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

**Constitutional amendment ratified**

SECTION 1. The amendment to Article I of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, prepared under the terms of Joint Resolution 3483 of 2009, having been submitted to the qualified electors at the General Election of 2010 as prescribed in Section 1, Article XVI of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, and a favorable vote having been received on the amendment, is ratified and declared to be a part of the Constitution so that Article I is amended by adding Section 25:

“Section 25. The traditions of hunting and fishing are valuable parts of the state’s heritage, important for conservation, and a protected means of managing nonthreatened wildlife. The citizens of this State have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife traditionally pursued, subject to laws and regulations promoting sound wildlife conservation and management as prescribed by the General Assembly. Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate any private property rights, existing state laws or regulations, or the state’s sovereignty over its natural resources.”

Ratified the 5th day of May, 2011.

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