**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50‑11‑715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE HUNTING OF COYOTES, ARMADILLOS, AND FERAL HOGS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY DURING NIGHTTIME HOURS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 4, Chapter 11, Title 50 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 50‑11‑715. Notwithstanding another provision of law, on private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written permission, a valid hunting license, and the landowner’s contact information in his possession, may take coyotes, armadillos, and feral hogs during the nighttime hours from one hour after official sunset on the last day of February to one hour before official sunrise the first day of July of that same year. The method of such taking shall be with any legal firearm or arrow shooting device and may be with or without the aid of bait, electronic calls, artificial light, infrared, thermal or laser sighting devices, night vision devices, or any device aiding the identification or targeting of species. All center fire rifles must be fired from an elevated position at least ten feet from the ground when hunting between the hours of one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise.”

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

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