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4/29/2015 Senate Roll call Ayes‑43 Nays‑1 ([Senate Journal‑page 62](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2015\04-29-15.docx))

4/30/2015 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2015\04-30-15.docx))

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5/6/2015 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 16](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2015\05-06-15.docx))

5/6/2015 House Roll call Yeas‑100 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 16](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2015\05-06-15.docx))

5/7/2015 House Read third time and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 38](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2015\05-07-15.docx))

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(A12, R24, S578)

**AN ACT** **TO AMEND SECTION 48‑39‑170, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THE CHAPTER ON COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A THREE‑YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS RELATING TO MINOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES EXCEPT IN INSTANCES WHERE THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR KNOWINGLY OR INTENTIONALLY WITHHELD INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ALLEGED VIOLATION, TO DESCRIBE ACTS OF CONCEALMENT, AND TO APPLY THIS ACT TO ALL FUTURE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS PENDING AS OF JANUARY 1, 2015.**

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

**Providing a statute of limitations on enforcement violations**

SECTION 1. Section 48‑39‑170(C) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(C) Any person who is determined to be in violation of any provision of this chapter by the department shall be liable for, and may be assessed by the department for, a civil penalty of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars per day of violation. Whenever the department determines that any person is in violation of any permit, regulation, standard, or requirement under this chapter, the department may issue an order requiring such person to comply with such permit, regulation, standard, or requirement, including an order requiring restoration when deemed environmentally appropriate by the department; in addition, the department may bring a civil enforcement action under this section as well as seeking an appropriate injunctive relief under Section 48‑39‑160. The department shall be required to assert violations of any provision of this chapter relating to minor development activities within three years of the date of the violation, except if the department’s failure to assert the alleged violation resulted from a knowing or intentional attempt to withhold or conceal information relating to the alleged violation by the person against whom the violation is alleged. Failure to make application for, and subsequently receive, the required permit, permit modification, or permit amendment before commencing these activities shall be deemed to be an act of concealment. The provisions of this section apply to all enforcement actions pending as of January 1, 2015, and all future enforcement actions.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 7th day of May, 2015.

Approved the 7th day of May, 2015.

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