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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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2/5/2019 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 7](file:///h:\sj\20190205.docx))

2/5/2019 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 7](file:///h:\sj\20190205.docx))

2/20/2019 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj\20190220.docx))

3/20/2019 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 18](file:///h:\sj\20190320.docx))

3/20/2019 Senate Roll call Ayes‑41 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 18](file:///h:\sj\20190320.docx))

3/21/2019 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj\20190321.docx))

3/26/2019 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\hj\20190326.docx))

3/26/2019 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\hj\20190326.docx))

5/1/2019 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 32](file:///h:\hj\20190501.docx))

5/7/2019 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 5‑8‑19 ([House Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\hj\20190507.docx))

5/8/2019 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s).  Hiott, G.R. Smith, V.S. Moss, Bryant, Bailey, Hyde, Tallon, Magnuson, Burns, Morgan, B. Cox, Chumley, Forrester, Long, Daning, Forrest, Long, Daning, Forrest, Kirby, Anderson, Bennett, Brown, Jefferson, McCravy, Jones, Finlay, Hart, Yow, King, Crawford, Atkinson, Fry, Hill, Hewitt, Clemmons, McGinnis ([House Journal‑page 54](file:///h:\hj\20190508.docx))

2/5/2020 House Requests for debate removed‑Rep(s).  Hiott, Clemmons, McGinnis, Bryant, Fry, Crawford, Forrest, Hewitt, Hyde, Morgan, Magnuson, Daning, Long, Chumley, Burns, Forrester, B Cox, Tallon, Jones, Kirby, Yow, Bennett, Anderson, Bailey, Atkinson, GR Smith, McCravy, Jefferson, Brown, King ([House Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\hj\20200205.docx))

2/5/2020 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\hj\20200205.docx))

2/5/2020 House Roll call Yeas‑103 Nays‑2 ([House Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\hj\20200205.docx))

2/6/2020 House Read third time and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\hj\20200206.docx))

3/19/2020 Ratified R 120

3/24/2020 Signed By Governor

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(A118, R120, S474)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑1705, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CATCH LIMITS FOR ESTUARINE AND SALTWATER FINFISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE A CATCH LIMIT FOR SPADEFISH; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑1710, RELATING TO SIZE LIMITS FOR ESTUARINE AND SALTWATER FINFISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FOR SPADEFISH.**

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

**Spadefish catch limit**

SECTION 1. Section 50‑5‑1705 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 203 of 2018, is further amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection to read:

“( ) It is unlawful for a person to take or have in possession more than ten spadefish (Chaetodipterus faber) in any one day, not to exceed thirty spadefish in any one day on any boat.”

**Spadefish size limit**

SECTION 2. Section 50‑5‑1710(B) of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item to read:

“( ) spadefish (Chaetodipterus faber) of less than fourteen inches in total length.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect on July 1, 2019.

Ratified the 19th day of March, 2020.

Approved the 24th day of March, 2020.

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