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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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12/16/2020 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs**

1/12/2021 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 234](file:///h:\hj\20210112.docx))

1/12/2021 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 234](file:///h:\hj\20210112.docx))

2/17/2021 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\hj\20210217.docx))

2/23/2021 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 27](file:///h:\hj\20210223.docx))

2/23/2021 House Roll call Yeas‑116 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 27](file:///h:\hj\20210223.docx))

2/24/2021 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\hj\20210224.docx))

2/24/2021 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20210224.docx))

2/24/2021 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20210224.docx))

3/17/2021 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj\20210317.docx))

3/23/2021 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 36](file:///h:\sj\20210323.docx))

3/23/2021 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 36](file:///h:\sj\20210323.docx))

3/23/2021 Senate Roll call Ayes‑45 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 36](file:///h:\sj\20210323.docx))

3/24/2021 Scrivener's error corrected

3/24/2021 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 16](file:///h:\sj\20210324.docx))

4/7/2021 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 27](file:///h:\hj\20210407.docx))

4/7/2021 House Roll call Yeas‑106 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\hj\20210407.docx))

4/8/2021 Ratified R 18

4/12/2021 Signed By Governor

4/15/2021 Effective date 07/01/21

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(A12, R18, H3549)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO OFFER A LICENSE, PERMIT, OR TAG MADE OF A DURABLE MATERIAL AND TO ESTABLISH A FEE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑50, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE, PERMIT, OR STAMP, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A PERSON HUNTING OR FISHING TO DISPLAY THEIR LICENSE, PERMIT, OR STAMP ELECTRONICALLY.**

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

**Hunting and fishing licenses, durable material**

SECTION 1. Section 50‑9‑40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection to read:

“( ) The department may offer to fulfill any privilege for applicants on a card made of durable materials such as plastic or a similar product. The fee is six dollars of which the issuing vendor may retain one dollar.”

**Electronic proof of license, permit, or stamp**

SECTION 2. Section 50‑9‑50 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50‑9‑50. (A) Licenses, permits, tags, and stamps issued pursuant to this title must be carried on the person while exercising the privileges of the license, permit, tag, or stamp, and the person shall produce the license, permit, tag, or stamp to a law enforcement officer upon demand.

(B) A person exercising the privileges of a license, permit, or stamp may provide proof of the license, permit, or stamp to a law enforcement officer upon demand by use of a mobile electronic device in a format prescribed by the department. A person carrying a mobile electronic device with access to electronic proof of a license, permit, or stamp is deemed to be carrying the license, permit, or stamp on his person.

(C) A person who has been issued a license, permit, tag, or stamp but who fails to keep it in possession or provide electronic proof of the license, permit, or stamp while exercising the privileges granted under it is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021.

Ratified the 8th day of April, 2021.

Approved the 12th day of April, 2021.

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