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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑555, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TRAP PLACEMENT, SO AS TO PROHIBIT TRAPS IN THE WATERS OF THE GENERAL TRAWL ZONE WHEN THESE WATERS ARE OPEN TO TRAWLING FOR SHRIMP.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑5‑555 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection at the end to read:

“( ) No trap may be in the waters of the General Trawling Zone as established by Section 50‑5‑705 when these waters are open to trawling for shrimp.”

SECTION 2. Section 50‑11‑2540 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50‑11‑2540. (A) It is lawful to trap furbearing animals for commercial purposes from December first of each year to March first of the succeeding year. It is lawful for an individual, or an individual’s agent, to trap furbearing animals on the individual’s private land for a noncommercial purpose with only a valid statewide hunting license during the established open hunting season. It is unlawful to trap any other times unless authorized by the department. It is lawful to take furbearing animals by other lawful means during the general open hunting seasons established therefor.

(B) It is lawful to trap coyotes from December first of each year to March first of the succeeding year. It is unlawful to trap coyotes at any other time unless authorized by the department. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 50‑11‑1080, it is lawful to take coyotes by other lawful means at any time during the year.

(C) It is lawful for an individual, or an individual’s agent, to trap beavers on the individual’s private land for a noncommercial purpose with only a valid statewide hunting license year round.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect sixty days after signature by the Governor.

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