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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-1-50, RELATING TO GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES FOR LAKE MARION, SO AS TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-675, RELATING TO NONGAME FISHING DEVICES OR GEAR PERMITTED IN CERTAIN BODIES OF FRESHWATER, SO AS TO PERMIT HOOP NETS IN THE CONGAREE RIVER.

 Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 50-13-675(9) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (9) Congaree River:

 (a) set hooks:

 (i) recreational license-fifty;

 (ii) commercial license-fifty;

 (b) traps:

 (i) recreational license-two;

 (ii) commercial license-ten;

 (c) trotlines:

 (i) recreational license-one line with fifty hooks maximum;

 (ii) commercial license-three lines with one hundred fifty hooks maximum;

 (d) hoop nets:

 (i) recreational license‑residents sixty-five years of age or older – one;

 (ii) the provisions contained in Section 50-13-675(9)(d) expire on January 1, 2030;

SECTION 2. Section 50-13-675(23) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (23) Lakes Marion and Moultrie, and the upper reach of the Santee River:

 (a) traps:

 (i) recreational license-two;

 (ii) commercial license-twenty-five;

 (b) trotlines: Hooks must have a gap or clearance between point and shank no greater than seven-sixteenths inch:

 (i) recreational license-one line with fifty hooks maximum;

 (ii) commercial license-three lines with not more than four hundred hooks on each line;

 (c) set hooks: Recreational license – Upper Reach of the Santee River – fifty hooks. The use of set hooks in the Upper Reach of the Santee River as described in this item expire on January 1, 2030.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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