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(A144, R142, S914)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50‑13‑120 SO AS TO SET SIZE LIMITS, CATCH LIMITS, AND OTHER CATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR BLACK BASS (LARGEMOUTH) IN LAKE MARION, LAKE MOULTRIE, AND THE UPPER SANTEE RIVER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50‑13‑385, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SIZE LIMITS FOR BLACK BASS (LARGEMOUTH) IN CERTAIN SPECIFIED LAKES, SO AS TO DELETE LAKE MARION AND LAKE MOULTRIE.**

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

**Black bass size and catch limits**

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 13, Title 50 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 50‑13‑120. (A) As used in this section:

(1) ‘Lake Marion’ means all waters of the Santee River and its tributaries impounded by the Lake Marion Dam, including the flooded backwater areas in Calhoun and Sumter Counties.

(2) ‘Lake Moultrie’ means all waters impounded by the Pinopolis Dam and the Saint Stephen Dam, including the diversion canal and those waters of the rediversion canal upstream of the Saint Stephen Dam.

(3) ‘Upper reach of the Santee River’ means all waters of the Santee River from the backwaters of Lake Marion at the railroad trestle bridge near Rimini upstream to the confluence of the Congaree and Wateree Rivers.

(B) It is unlawful to possess any black bass (largemouth) in Lakes Marion or Moultrie or the upper Santee River less than fourteen inches in total length. It is unlawful to land black bass without the head and tail fin intact.

(C) The lawful catch limit for black bass (largemouth) or a combination of them in Lakes Marion or Moultrie or the upper Santee River is five per day.”

**Lakes deleted**

SECTION 2. Section 50‑13‑385 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 286 of 2008, is further amended to read:

“Section 50‑13‑385. It is unlawful to take or possess largemouth bass less than twelve inches in length in Lake Wylie. A person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars or imprisoned for a term not to exceed thirty days.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 25th day of March, 2010.

Approved the 31st day of March, 2010.

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