COMMITTEE REPORT

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Introduced by Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

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**THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NATURAL**

**RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Joint Resolution (S. 727) to approve regulations of the Clemson University, State Crop Pest Commission, relating to Phytophthora ramorum Quarantine, designated as Regulation Document Number 4062, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

JEFF D. DUNCAN for Committee.

**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, STATE CROP PEST COMMISSION, RELATING TO PHYTOPHTHORA RAMORUM QUARANTINE, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4062, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

SECTION 1. The regulations of the Clemson University, State Crop Pest Commission, relating to Phytophthora ramorum Quarantine, designated as Regulation Document Number 4062, and submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 1 of the 1976 Code, are approved.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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SUMMARY AS SUBMITTED

BY PROMULGATING AGENCY.

The State Crop Pest Commission proposes to impose certain requirements on the importation of plant material which is a host for *Phytophthora ramorum (P. ramorum)* into the state. *P. ramorum* manifests itself in a disease known as Sudden Oak Death but also as a second disease known as ramorum blight. Certain areas of certain states are already under state and/or federal quarantine for this pathogen. The proposed actions will focus on the most effective method of preventing the introduction of the pathogen into the State by giving greater effect to state and federal quarantines at point of origin.

The Notice of Drafting was published in the *State Register* on September 26, 2008.

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