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 1/22/2013 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C01-22-13.docx))

 1/22/2013 Senate Roll call Ayes‑38 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C01-22-13.docx))

 1/23/2013 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 18](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C01-23-13.docx))

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 2/7/2013 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 5](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C02-07-13.docx))

 2/20/2013 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 31](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C02-20-13.docx))

 2/20/2013 House Roll call Yeas‑111 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 31](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C02-20-13.docx))

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(A3, R3, S165)

**AN ACT** **TO AMEND SECTION 50‑15‑65, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF ALLIGATORS ON PRIVATE LANDS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HUNTING SEASON OF ALLIGATORS ON PRIVATE LANDS TO MAY THIRTY‑FIRST.**

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

**Alligator hunting season extended**

SECTION 1. Section 50‑15‑65(B)(3) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 183 of 2010, is further amended to read:

 “(3) A landowner or lessee of property on which alligators occur may apply to the department for a permit to participate in the Private Lands Alligator Program. On those private lands the season for hunting and taking alligators is from September first through May thirty‑first. On those lands in the private lands program only, unsecured alligators may be taken by firearms, provided no alligator may be taken by use of rim fire weapons or shotguns. Unsecured alligators may be taken only by firearms from thirty minutes before sunrise until thirty minutes after sunset. A person who takes an alligator by use of firearms must make a reasonable effort to recover the carcass at the time of taking or for the next ensuing forty‑eight hours. A person using a firearm to take an alligator must have a gaff or grappling hook or other similar device to immediately locate and recover the carcass.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 27th day of February, 2013.

Approved the 1st day of March, 2013.

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