AMENDED

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Introduced by Reps. Limehouse, Sottile, Kirby, Spires, Kennedy, Gilliard, Mack and Whipper

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑1705, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CATCH LIMITS FOR CERTAIN SPECIES OF FISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO TAKE OR POSSESS A TIGER SHARK (GALEOCERDO CUVIER) AND TO PROVIDE THAT A TIGER SHARK THAT IS CAUGHT MUST BE RELEASED.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑5‑1705 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 211 of 2014, is further amended by adding the following appropriately lettered subsection:

“( ) It is unlawful to take or possess a tiger shark (Galeocerdo cuvier). Any tiger shark that is caught must be released immediately and must remain completely in the water at all times while being released. A person who is in the water for a lawful purpose may take all reasonable measures to defend themselves if attacked by a tiger shark.”

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

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