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**H. 5135**

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑1‑30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF BIRDS, ANIMALS, AND FISH, SO AS TO CLASSIFY CERTAIN BIRDS AS MIGRATORY WATERFOWL; TO REPEAL SECTION 50‑11‑20 RELATING TO THE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL COMMITTEE; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 50‑9‑670 RELATING TO MIGRATORY WATERFOWL PERMITS.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑1‑30 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item to read:

“( ) Migratory waterfowl: members of the family ‘Anatidae’ including brants, ducks, geese, and swans.”

SECTION 2. A. Section 50-11-20 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

B. Section 50‑9‑670 of the 1976 Code is repealed on July 1, 2021.

SECTION 3. Section 50‑9‑920(B) of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item to read:

“( ) resident and nonresident migratory waterfowl permits must be used for the management of waterfowl habitats and for the development, protection, and propagation of waterfowl in this State. However, no revenue generated from the sale of a waterfowl permit may be expended for administrative salaries.”

SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided, this act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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