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 5/2/2023 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** (House Journal‑page 6)

 5/3/2023 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 72)

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 5/4/2023 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 25)

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 5/4/2023 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** (Senate Journal‑page 12)

 2/8/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Fish, Game and Forestry** (Senate Journal‑page 6)

 2/14/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 26)

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-15-100 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE RELEASE OF RECORDS REGARDING THE OCCURRENCE OF RARE, THREATENED, ENDANGERED, OR IMPERILED PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

Prohibition of release of certain records

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 15, Title 50 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 50‑15‑100. (A) The department may not release records in its possession that contain site‑specific information including, but not limited to, unique numeric identifiers of precise geographic locations, telemetry, or other locational data, regarding the occurrence of federal‑ or state‑listed rare, threatened, species in need of management, endangered, or otherwise imperiled plant and animal species on public or private property, except in support of scientific, conservation, or educational purposes. The owner or owners of private property upon which threatened, endangered, or at-risk species occur shall be entitled to records specific to said property upon the request to the department.

Time effective

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

Ratified the 7th day of March, 2024.

Approved the 11th day of March, 2024.

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