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Summary: Hunting and fishing licenses for adoptees

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M.M. Smith

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑9‑30, RELATING TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR AN ADOPTED CHILD TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A LIFETIME RECREATIONAL LICENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑9‑520, RELATING TO LIFETIME STATEWIDE COMBINATION LICENSES; SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ADOPTED CHILD MAY OBTAIN A COMBINATION LICENSE AT NO COST.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑9‑30(A)(2) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) a lifetime recreational license, “resident” means;

(a) a United States citizen who has been domiciled in this State for one hundred eighty consecutive days or more immediately preceding the date of application; or

(b) an adopted child upon approval of the adoption petition if the:

(i) adoptive parents are South Carolina residents; and

(ii) child’s birth mother is or has been a legal South Carolina resident;

SECTION 2. Section 50‑9‑520 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(E) An adopted child who meets the residency requirements provided in Section 50‑9‑30(A)(2) may obtain a lifetime combination license at no cost.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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