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 3/9/2023 House Roll call Yeas-114 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 28)

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(A64, R80, H3433)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 50‑5‑2545 RELATING TO POINTS AND SUSPENSIONS PRIOR TO THE MARINE RESOURCES ACT OF 2000; BY REPEALING SECTION 50‑9‑1160 RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF A SUSPENSION OF HUNTING AND FISHING PRIVILEGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑5‑2510, RELATING to THE SUSPENSION OF SALTWATER PRIVILEGES FOR THE ACCUMULATION OF POINTS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE METHOD FOR THE NOTICE OF SUSPENSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑5‑2515, RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF SALTWATER PRIVILEGES, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR WRITTEN NOTICE BY UNITED STATES MAIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑9‑1140, RELAting to THE SUSPENSION OF HUNTING AND FISHING PRIVILEGES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE METHOD FOR THE NOTICE OF SUSPENSION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑9‑1150, RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF HUNTING AND FISHING PRIVILEGES, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR WRITTEN NOTICE BY UNITED STATES MAIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR A METHOD OF APPEAL.

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

Repeal

SECTION 1. Sections 50‑5‑2545 and 50‑9‑1160 of the S.C. Code are repealed.

Suspension of saltwater privileges, notice

SECTION 2.A. Section 50-5-2510 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 50-5-2510. (A) The department must suspend for one year the related saltwater privileges and associated licenses and permits issued to a person or entity that has accumulated eighteen or more points under any point category. Privileges related to each point category are as follows:

 (1) commercial: commercial saltwater fishing license, equipment license, and bait dealer license, and

 (2) recreational: recreational saltwater fishing license, pier license, charter fishing vessel license, shrimp baiting license, and any other saltwater licenses utilized for recreational purposes.

 (B) Any suspension under this article begins the twenty-first day after the department mails written notice of the suspension and ends the same day the following year.

B. Section 50-5-2515 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 50-5-2515. (A) Upon determination by the department that a person or entity has accumulated sufficient points to warrant the suspension of any saltwater privilege, the department must notify the person or entity in writing that the person’s or entity’s saltwater privilege has been suspended, and the person or entity must return all the suspended licenses or permits in the person’s or entity’s name to the department no later than ten days following the effective date of the suspension.

 (B) The notice of the suspension must be given by the department by depositing the notice in the United States mail with postage prepaid addressed to the person or entity at the address contained in the records of the department. The giving of notice by mail is complete twenty days after the deposit of the notice. A certificate by the director of the department, or his designee, that the notice has been sent as required in this section is presumptive proof that the requirements as to notice of suspension have been met even if the notice has not been received by the addressee.

Suspension of hunting and fishing privileges, notice

SECTION 3.A. Section 50-9-1140 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 50-9-1140. The department shall suspend for one year the hunting and fishing privileges of a person who has eighteen or more points. The suspension begins the twenty-first day after the department mails written notice of the suspension, and ends the same day the following year.

B. Section 50-9-1150 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 50-9-1150. (A) Upon determination that a person has accumulated sufficient points to warrant suspension of privileges, the department shall notify him in writing that his privileges are suspended, and the person shall return the license and any tags in the person’s name to the department no later than ten days following the effective date of the suspension.

 (B) The notice of the suspension must be given by the department by depositing the notice in the United States mail with postage prepaid addressed to the person at the address contained in the records of the department. The giving of notice by mail is complete twenty days after the deposit of the notice. A certificate by the director of the department, or his designee, that the notice has been sent as required in this section is presumptive proof that the requirements as to notice of suspension have been met even if the notice has not been received by the addressee.

 (C) A person whose privileges have been suspended may appeal the decision of the department under the Administrative Procedures Act.

Time effective

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 17th day of May, 2023.

Approved the 19th day of May, 2023.

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