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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 1/17/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** (House Journal‑page 16)

 1/30/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Brewer

 2/8/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Atkinson

 2/14/2024 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** (House Journal‑page 2)

 2/27/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Caskey

 2/27/2024 House Amended (House Journal‑page 39)

 2/27/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 39)

 2/27/2024 House Roll call Yeas-110 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 40)

 2/28/2024 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 26)

 2/28/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 11)

 2/28/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** (Senate Journal‑page 11)

 4/16/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Fish, Game and Forestry** (Senate Journal‑page 8)

 4/18/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 37)

 4/18/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 37)

 4/25/2024 Senate Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal‑page 19)

 5/8/2024 Ratified R 165

 5/13/2024 Signed By Governor

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(A149, R165, H4875)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑11‑1910, RELATING TO THE SALE OF DEER OR DEER PARTS, SO AS TO ALLOW A PROCESSOR TO PROCESS A LEGALLY TAKEN DOE DONATED BY A HUNTER AND RECOVER THE fees OF PROCESSING FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE HUNTER WHO DONATED THE DOE, AND TO INCREASE PENALTIES.

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

Sale of deer or deer parts

SECTION 1. Section 50‑11‑1910 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 50‑11‑1910. (A) It is unlawful to buy or sell, offer for sale, barter, or have in possession for sale the following: any live deer (family cervidae), the venison of any deer except as provided in subsection (B) or in Section 50‑11‑1920, any whitetail deer gametes or antler velvet, or any whitetail deer antlers attached to the pedicel.

 (B) The department may promulgate regulations to permit deer processors to process legally taken female (doe) deer donated by a hunter or crop depredation permittee or designee and recover the fee of processing the deer from a person other than the individual who donated the deer.

  (C) For a violation of this section, upon conviction, the guilty party for a first offense must be fined not less than three hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for not more than thirty days; for a second offense within three years of the date of conviction for a first offense, the person must be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned for not more than thirty days; for a third or subsequent offense within three years of the date of conviction for a first offense, the person must be fined one thousand dollars or be imprisoned for not more than sixty days.

Time effective

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

Ratified the 8th day of May, 2024.

Approved the 13th day of May, 2024.

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