

Session 106 - (1985-1986)

S*0590 (Rat #0256, Act #0168 of 1985) General Bill, By Senate Fish, Game and Forestry

A Bill to amend Article 5 of Chapter 17 of Title 50, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to leases of shellfish bottoms, so as to provide that the Article shall apply to shellfish generally; to define commercial purposes, state resident, commission, and division; to provide for the use of intertidal and subtidal bottoms for mariculture in addition to shellfish culture; to reduce the amount of acreage which may be granted by permit from one thousand acres to five hundred acres; to limit the permit term to five years; to allow permits for shellfish culture use by state residents for purposes other than commercial use; to allow for closure of shellfish grounds and for mitigation or compensation for the loss of public shellfish resources; to require the making of permit maps and plats showing shellfish areas; to provide that each permittee shall plant specified numbers of bushels of oysters; to provide for gathering of shellfish for replanting; to require approval of the division for a transfer of a permit; to provide for the gathering for personal use of oysters and clams; to prohibit the harvesting of shellfish for commercial purposes without an individual harvesting permit; to regulate the use of mechanical devices for shellfish harvesting; to establish times when it is unlawful to harvest shellfish; to provide penalties; to define mariculture; to establish the standard measure for the harvesting, selling, and marketing of shellfish; to regulate wholesale shellfish dealers; to establish areas in which it is unlawful to harvest shellfish in Game Zone No. 9; to establish that the Division of Marine Resources has jurisdiction over all natural shell deposits on state-owned bottoms and certain deposits lying above the main high-water mark and may regulate the use of the deposits; and to amend the 1976 Code by adding Section 50-17-503, so as to provide an annual fee for persons who harvest shellfish for commercial purposes from state bottoms not under permit for shellfish culture or mariculture as provided in Section 50-17-710 and to provide for the use of the proceeds of the fee; and to repeal Article 9 of Chapter 17 of Title 50 of the 1976 Code relating to shellfish.-amended title

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05/02/85	Senate	Read third time and sent to House SJ-1902
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05/07/85	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources HJ-2953
06/03/85	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Agriculture and Natural Resources HJ-3757
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06/04/85	House	Read second time HJ-3832
06/05/85	House	Read third time HJ-3937
06/05/85	House	Returned HJ-3937
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