

Session 125 - (2023-2024)

S 0955 General Bill, By Campsen and Matthews

Summary: Blue Crabs

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-400 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING THE LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-325, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE COMMERCIAL TRAP LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-350, RELATING TO THE TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSES, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE FROM THE GENERAL TRANSFER PROHIBITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-360, RELATING TO LICENSES TO ENGAGE IN SHEDDING PEELER CRABS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICANT'S OR LICENSEE'S BUSINESS PREMISES BE CAPABLE OF PEELER SHEDDING OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-545, RELATING TO TRAPS FOR TAKING BLUE CRAB, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MATERIAL, DIMENSIONS, AND ESCAPE VENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRAPS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1302 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL LIMIT OF ONE-HALF BUSHEL OF BLUE CRABS PER PERSON PER DAY NOT TO EXCEED ONE BUSHEL PER BOAT; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1345 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CRAB TRAPS IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE FROM JANUARY 16 THROUGH JANUARY 29 OF EACH YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-330, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT LIMITS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRAPS THAT MAY BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FROM TWO TO TEN WITH A RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-540, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COST OF THE RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT.

01/11/24	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 5)
01/11/24	Senate	Referred to Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry (Senate Journal-page 5)
03/20/24	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Fish, Game and Forestry (Senate Journal-page 6)
03/21/24		Scrivener's error corrected
04/03/24	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 18)
04/03/24	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 18)
04/03/24	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 18)
04/03/24	Senate	Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 18)
04/04/24		Scrivener's error corrected
04/04/24	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 10)
04/09/24	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 19)
04/09/24	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 19)
05/01/24	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs