**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑1130, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEDUCTION OF ACCUMULATED POINTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEDUCT THREE ACCUMULATED POINTS FROM A PERSON’S RECORD UPON A SHOWING THAT THE PERSON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A DEPARTMENT PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 50‑9‑310.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑9‑1130 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50‑9‑1130. Each time a person is convicted of a violation enumerated in Section 50‑9‑1120, the number of points assigned to the violation must be charged against the person. For each calendar year that passes after assignment in which the person received no points, the department shall deduct one‑half of the accumulated points if the total number of points is greater than three. If a person has three or less points at the end of a calendar year in which no points were received, the department shall reduce his point total to zero; however, a person’s record must not be less ~~then~~ than zero points. The department shall deduct three accumulated points from a person’s record upon a showing that the person successfully completed a department program of instruction established pursuant to Section 50‑9‑310. A person may have no more than six points deducted in this manner in a calendar year, and a person’s record must not be less than zero points. The department is authorized to promulgate appropriate regulations to effect the provisions of this section.”

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

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