**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑2100 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FIELD TRIALS, TO PROVIDE THAT A PARTICIPANT IN FIELD TRIALS PERMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IS NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A HUNTING LICENSE IF THE PARTICIPANT IS NOT CARRYING A FIREARM AND NO GAME IS TAKEN, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO FIELD TRIALS MAY BE HELD OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR SEASON EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑11‑2100 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50‑11‑2100. (A) ~~The~~ Subject to the provisions in this section, the department shall promulgate regulations to permit and regulate field trials during the year including the closed season.

(B) A person violating the provisions of ~~these~~ this section or regulations promulgated pursuant to this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days for each offense.

(C) A participant in any field trial permitted by the department is not required to obtain a hunting license or a wildlife management area permit if the participant is not carrying a firearm and no game is taken.

(D) There shall be no field trials conducted on wildlife management areas outside of the regular season, except as permitted by the department.”

SECTION 2. Any regulations in conflict with the provisions of this act are repealed.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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