**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTIONS 50‑5‑310, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE FEES FOR NONRESIDENTS; 50‑9‑540, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL FRESHWATER AND SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE FEES FOR RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS; AND 50‑9‑560, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE FEES FOR RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS, ALL SO AS TO INCREASE EACH OF THESE NONRESIDENT LICENSE FEES AND PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THE FUNDS GENERATED BY THE INCREASES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑5‑310(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) For the privilege of taking or landing anadromous fish, saltwater fish, or fisheries products for commercial purposes, a nonresident ~~must~~ shall obtain a nonresident commercial saltwater fishing license for a fee of three hundred fifty dollars unless specifically exempted in this article. Fifty dollars of this license fee must be remitted to the department and used for its general operations. A nonresident ~~must~~ shall also obtain a commercial saltwater fishing license for the privilege of selling, exchanging, or bartering such fish or product taken or landed by the nonresident.”

SECTION 2. Section 50‑9‑540(D) and (E) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 268 of 2008, is further amended to read:

“(D) For the privilege of recreational freshwater fishing throughout South Carolina, a nonresident of this State shall purchase an annual statewide recreational freshwater fishing license for ~~thirty‑five~~ forty‑five dollars, of which one dollar may be retained by the issuing agent and ten dollars of which must be remitted to the Department of Natural Resources and used for its general operations.

(E) In lieu of obtaining a regular annual statewide nonresident freshwater fishing license, a nonresident may purchase a temporary statewide recreational freshwater fishing license valid for seven specified consecutive days for ~~eleven~~ fifteen dollars, of which one dollar may be retained by the issuing agent and four dollars of which must be remitted to the Department of Natural Resources and used for its general operations.”

SECTION 3. Section 50‑9‑560(A)(3) and (4) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 15 of 2009, is amended to read:

“(3) a nonresident shall purchase an annual recreational saltwater fishing license for ~~thirty‑five~~ forty‑five dollars, of which one dollar may be retained by the issuing agent and ten dollars of which must be remitted to the Department of Natural Resources and used for its general operations; and

(4) in lieu of obtaining an annual recreational saltwater fishing license, a nonresident may purchase a temporary recreational saltwater fishing license valid for fourteen specified consecutive days for ~~eleven~~ fifteen dollars, of which one dollar may be retained by the issuing agent and four dollars of which must be remitted to the Department of Natural Resources and used for its general operations.”

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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