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**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Governor's Action: June 13, 2013, Signed

Summary: Black Sea Bass

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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3/5/2013 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\03-05-13.docx))

3/5/2013 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\03-05-13.docx))

3/6/2013 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Powers Norrell

3/13/2013 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Knight

4/18/2013 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\04-18-13.docx))

4/23/2013 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: McCoy

4/24/2013 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 43](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\04-24-13.docx))

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4/24/2013 House Roll call Yeas‑100 Nays‑1 ([House Journal‑page 44](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\04-24-13.docx))

4/25/2013 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 27](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\04-25-13.docx))

4/30/2013 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\04-30-13.docx))

4/30/2013 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\04-30-13.docx))

5/29/2013 Senate Polled out of committee **Fish, Game and Forestry**

5/29/2013 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Fish, Game and Forestry**

6/4/2013 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 89](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\06-04-13.docx))

6/4/2013 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 89](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\06-04-13.docx))

6/4/2013 Senate Roll call Ayes‑43 Nays‑1 ([Senate Journal‑page 89](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\06-04-13.docx))

6/5/2013 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 29](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\06-05-13.docx))

6/5/2013 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 29](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\06-05-13.docx))

6/5/2013 Senate Roll call Ayes‑40 Nays‑1 ([Senate Journal‑page 29](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\06-05-13.docx))

6/6/2013 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\06-06-13.docx))

6/6/2013 House Roll call Yeas‑104 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 29](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2013\06-06-13.docx))

6/11/2013 Ratified R 105

6/13/2013 Signed By Governor

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(A83, R105, H3735)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑2730, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE’S ADOPTION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS THAT REGULATE THE TAKING OF FISH IN STATE WATERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE LAWS AND REGULATIONS DO NOT APPLY TO BLACK SEA BASS (CENTROPRISTIS STRIATA), TO PROVIDE A LAWFUL CATCH LIMIT AND SIZE FOR THIS SPECIES OF FISH, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THERE IS NO CLOSED SEASON ON THE CATCHING OF BLACK SEA BASS (CENTROPRISTIS STRIATA).**

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

**Taking of black sea bass in federal and state waters**

SECTION 1. Section 50‑5‑2730 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50‑5‑2730. (A) Unless otherwise provided by law, any regulations promulgated by the federal government under the Fishery Conservation and Management Act (PL 94‑265) or the Atlantic Tuna Conservation Act (PL 94‑70) which establishes seasons, fishing periods, gear restrictions, sales restrictions, or bag, catch, size, or possession limits on fish are declared to be the law of this State and apply statewide including in state waters.

(B) This provision does not apply to black sea bass (Centropristis striata) whose lawful catch limit is five fish per person per day or the same as the federal limit for black sea bass, whichever is higher. The lawful minimum size is thirteen inches total length. Additionally, there is no closed season on the catching of black sea bass (Centropristis striata).”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 11th day of June, 2013.

Approved the 13th day of June, 2013.

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