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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 1/23/2014 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 9](file:///H%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2014%5C01-23-14.docx))

 2/26/2014 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 2](file:///H%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2014%5C02-26-14.docx))

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 3/5/2014 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///H%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2014%5C03-05-14.docx))

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 3/5/2014 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///H%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2014%5C03-05-14.docx))

 3/5/2014 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///H%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2014%5C03-05-14.docx))

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 5/20/2014 Senate Roll call Ayes‑42 Nays‑1 ([Senate Journal‑page 18](file:///H%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2014%5C05-20-14.docx))

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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑1705, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CATCH LIMITS FOR CERTAIN SPECIES OF FISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO TAKE OR POSSESS A GREAT WHITE SHARK (CARCHARODON CARCHARIAS), AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY GREAT WHITE SHARK THAT IS CAUGHT MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY AND MUST REMAIN COMPLETELY IN THE WATER AT ALL TIMES WHILE BEING RELEASED.**

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

**Catch limits, great white shark prohibition**

SECTION 1. Section 50‑5‑1705(L) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 7 of 2013, is further amended to read:

 “(L) It is unlawful to take or possess a great white shark (Carcharodon carcharias). Any great white shark that is caught must be released immediately and must remain completely in the water at all times while being released.

 (M) The possession limits do not apply to the possession or sale of properly identified fish imported by seafood dealers or produced by permitted mariculture operations, or to possession as allowed under permit authorized by this chapter.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 29th day of May, 2014.

Approved the 2nd day of June, 2014.

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