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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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4/18/2013 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\04-18-13.docx))

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4/23/2013 Senate Roll call Ayes‑37 Nays‑1 ([Senate Journal‑page 37](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2013\04-23-13.docx))

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(A72, R86, S590)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑1705, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CATCH LIMITS FOR CERTAIN FISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO TAKE OR POSSESS MORE THAN ONE TARPON IN ANY ONE DAY OR A TARPON OF LESS THAN SEVENTY‑SEVEN INCHES IN FORK LENGTH; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-15, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM “FORK LENGTH”.**

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

**Taking and possessing of tarpon**

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

“(E) It is unlawful for a person to take or possess more than one tarpon in any one day or a tarpon of less than seventy‑seven inches in fork length.”

**Definition**

SECTION 2. Section 50‑5‑15 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 7 of 2013, is further amended by adding the following appropriately numbered item:

“( ) ‘Fork length’ means the length of a fish laid flat and measured from the tip of the closed mouth (snout) to the center of the fork of the tail. It is a straight line measure, not over the curvature of the body.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. 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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