**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50‑5‑1030 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO PLANT AND GROW SHELLFISH, PLACE SHELLFISH IN OR UNDER PROTECTIVE DEVICES AFFIXED TO TIDAL FLATS OR LAND UNDER COASTAL WATERS, OR GROW SHELLFISH BY CERTAIN MEANS, MAY SELL SHELLFISH FOR CONSUMPTION WITHIN THE STATE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 5, Title 50 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 50‑5‑1030. Notwithstanding another provision of law, a person may sell shellfish for consumption within the State at all times during the year if he is authorized to:

(1) plant and grow shellfish using off‑bottom culture;

(2) place shellfish in or under protective devices affixed directly to the tidal flats or land under coastal waters, such as boxes, trays, pens, bags, or nets; or

(3) grow shellfish by means of racks, rafts, or floats.”

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

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