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**TO: ALL AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL  
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**FROM: THE HONORABLE DAVID HIOTT, CHAIRMAN**

**DATE: January 27, 2021**

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**There will be a meeting of the Agriculture committee on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 30 minutes after adjournment of the House in Room 410 of the Blatt Building. The following matters are on the agenda:**

**H. 3054.** Rep Hixon. A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-2510, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF SALTWATER PRIVILEGES FOR THE ACCUMULATION OF POINTS, SO AS TO ALTER THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NOTICE OF SUSPENSION; TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-2515, RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF SALTWATER PRIVILEGES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-9-1140, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF HUNTING AND FISHING PRIVILEGES, SO AS TO ALTER THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NOTICE OF SUSPENSION; TO AMEND SECTION 50-9-1150, RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF HUNTING AND FISHING PRIVILEGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON OR ENTITY MAY APPEAL THE DECISION TO SUSPEND HUNTING AND FISHING PRIVILEGES UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT; TO REPEAL SECTION 50-5-2545 RELATING TO POINTS FOR VIOLATIONS OF MARINE RESOURCES LAWS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE MARINE RESOURCES ACT OF 2000; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 50-9-1160 RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF A SUSPENSION OF HUNTING AND FISHING PRIVILEGES.

**WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION: FAVORABLE**

**H. 3055.** Rep. Hixon. A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-4-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE NAMES OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 48-4-30, RELATING TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO REMOVE THE AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER FROM THE BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 48-4-70, RELATING TO THE GENERAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO REMOVE THE BOND REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-1-220, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 50-1-180 TO 50-1-230 TO CERTAIN LANDS, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO A REPEALED STATUTE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-90, RELATING TO GAME AND FISH CULTURE OPERATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS BEFORE AN INVESTIGATION MAY BE CONDUCTED; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-110, RELATING TO THE SUPERVISION OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE AGENCY NAME AND DELETE A REFERENCE TO A DISCONTINUED PRACTICE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-130, RELATING TO UNIFORMS AND EMBLEMS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PRESCRIBE THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-315, RELATING TO DEPUTY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO DELETE AN EXPIRED DIRECTIVE TO ESTABLISH A TRAINING PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-320, RELATING TO THE TRANSMITTAL AND DELIVERY OF COMMISSIONS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THE COMMISSIONS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO DELETE A BOND REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-350, RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL BADGE OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE AGENCY NAME FOR AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S OFFICIAL BADGE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-395, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ISSUE WARNING TICKETS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN PROCEDURES WITHOUT PROMULGATING REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-980, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATED WILDLIFE SANCTUARY IN CERTAIN AREAS OF CHARLESTON HARBOR, SO AS TO UPDATE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY; TO AMEND SECTION 50-15-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO PROVISIONS PROTECTING NONGAME AND ENDANGERED WILDLIFE SPECIES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE CITATION OF THE FEDERAL LIST OF ENDANGERED SPECIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-15-30, RELATING TO THE LIST OF ENDANGERED SPECIES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE CITATION TO THE FEDERAL REGULATION AND TO MOVE CERTAIN DUTIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

**WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION: FAVORABLE**

**H. 3056.** Rep. Hixon. A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY REPEALING SECTIONS 50-19-210 THROUGH 50-19-240 ALL RELATING TO THE PRESTWOOD LAKE WILDLIFE REFUGE BOARD; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 50-19-1710 THROUGH 50-19-1730 ALL RELATING TO THE CATAWBA-WATEREE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 50 RELATING TO THE CHEROKEE FISH AND GAME CLUB; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 50 RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY ADVISORY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION; BY REPEALING

ARTICLE 17 OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 50 RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE LEE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO PROTECT FISH AND GAME IN LEE COUNTY; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 19 OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 50 RELATING TO THE MARION COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHELLY LAKE FISH SANCTUARY IN MARION COUNTY; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 21 OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 50 RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE PROJECTS IN MARLBORO COUNTY; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 51 RELATING TO THE ENOREE RIVER GREENWAY COMMISSION; BY REDESIGNATING ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 50 AS "SLADE LAKE FISHING"; AND BY REDESIGNATING ARTICLE 29 OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 50 AS "FISHING AND HUNTING IN LAKE WATEREE".

**WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION: FAVORABLE**

**H. 3059.** Rep. Hixon. A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY REPEALING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 17, TITLE 51 RELATING TO THE HERITAGE TRUST REVENUE BONDS.

**WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION: FAVORABLE**

**H. 3103.** Reps. Wooten, Huggins and Forrest A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-21-90, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE BOATING SAFETY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON BORN AFTER JUNE 30, 2006, FROM OPERATING A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SPECIALTY PROPCRAFT, OR VESSEL UNLESS HE HAS COMPLETED A BOATING SAFETY AND EDUCATION COURSE, TO REQUIRE THAT A PERSON MUST HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION ON HIS PERSON OR ON BOARD THE VESSEL, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-21-870, RELATING TO PERSONAL WATERCRAFT AND BOATING SAFETY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON THE OPERATION OF A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SPECIALTY PROPCRAFT, OR VESSEL BY A PERSON YOUNGER THAN SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE WITHOUT BEING ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT OR COMPLETING A BOATING SAFETY COURSE.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION:**

**H. 3222.** Reps. Davis, Cobb-Hunter and Forrest. A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-96-100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING IN PART TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING WASTE TIRE REGULATIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN PENALTY REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-96-170, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS AND MAKE CERTAIN PERMITTING DECISIONS CONCERNING WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION:**

**H. 3541.** Reps. Hixon, Burns and Forrest A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 48-35-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE REGULATION OF FIRES BY THE STATE FORESTER DOES NOT APPLY TO FIRES USED FOR THE PREPARATION OF FOOD OR FIRES USED IN APPROPRIATE ENCLOSURES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 48-23-96, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

OFFICERS TO CARRY OUT THE ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE ISSUANCE OF WARNING TICKETS.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION:**

**H. 3071.** Reps. Ott, Ligon, and Taylor. A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE “EQUINE INDUSTRY SUPPORT MEASURES STUDY COMMITTEE” TO EXAMINE THE POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER GROWTH OF THE EQUINE INDUSTRY IN THIS STATE AND THE RESULTING ECONOMIC IMPACT

**AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION:**

**H. 3544.** Reps. D.C. Moss, Bryant, and Pope. A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 23 TO TITLE 47 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EQUINE PROMOTION ACT", TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO ESTABLISH THE EQUINE PROMOTION BOARD, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD AND THE TERMS OF THE BOARD MEMBERS, TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON ALL COMMERCIAL FEED AND CUSTOM BLENDS LABELED FOR EQUINE USE; TO PROVIDE HOW THE FUNDS MAY BE USED TO PROMOTE THE EQUINE INDUSTRY IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE EQUINE PROMOTION FUND.

**AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION:**

**H. 3540.** Rep. Hiott. A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 46-55-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE HEMP FARMING ACT, SO AS TO ALTER THE DEFINITION OF “LICENSEE”; AND TO AMEND SECTION 46-55-20, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO REMOVE THE LICENSE REQUIREMENT TO HANDLE HEMP.

**AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION:**