

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

### **H 4023 General Bill, By Umphlett, Witherspoon, Dantzler, Frye, Jefferson, Merrill and Toole**

#### **Summary:** Striped bass (rockfish)

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-221 SO AS TO REVISE THE NUMBER AND SIZE OF STRIPED BASS (ROCKFISH) WHICH MAY BE TAKEN OR POSSESSED PER DAY IN LAKE MARION, LAKE MOULTRIE, AND THE DIVERSION CANAL DURING SPECIFIED PERIODS, TO PROVIDE FOR CATCH AND RELEASE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-222 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007, AND CONTINUING FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS UNTIL JUNE 30, 2012, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL PLACE AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF ALL STRIPED BASS FINGERLINGS AND FRY IT RAISES OR PROCURES EACH FISCAL YEAR IN LAKES MARION AND MOULTRIE WITH THE BALANCE PLACED IN OTHER LAKES AND RIVERS IN THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DAILY CATCH LIMITS OF FIVE STRIPED BASS IN CERTAIN WATERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE LAKE MARION, LAKE MOULTRIE, AND DIVERSION CANAL FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-230, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO REVISE STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SECTION 50-13-221 WITHIN THIS SECTION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-235, AS AMENDED, REQUIRING STRIPED BASS TAKEN FROM CERTAIN WATERS TO BE AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE INCHES IN SIZE, SO AS TO DELETE LAKE MARION AND LAKE MOULTRIE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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