

Session 113 - (1999-2000)

H 3864 General Bill, By Witherspoon, Delleney, Barfield and Kirsh

Summary: Alligator Farming Act of 1999, Fish and Game, Natural Resources Department

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FISH, GAME, AND WILDLIFE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 14 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ALLIGATOR FARMING ACT OF 1999"; TO DEFINE "ALLIGATOR FARM", "ALLIGATOR FARMER", "ALLIGATOR PART", "ALLIGATOR PARTS DEALER", "DIRECTOR", "DEPARTMENT", AND "TRANSPORT"; TO PROVIDE FOR ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF PROPAGATING ALLIGATORS; TO PROVIDE FOR ALLIGATOR FARMING LICENSING AND FEES; TO PROVIDE FOR MARKETING, TAKING, TAGGING, AND TRANSPORTATION OF ALLIGATOR CARCASSES AND SKINS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO REQUIRE AND PROVIDE FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS IN CERTAIN ALLIGATORS AND PARTS THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSES AND FEES FOR ALLIGATOR PARTS DEALERS, RETAIL, AND RESTAURANTS; TO PROVIDE FOR ALLIGATOR PARTS TRANSACTION FORMS, BILLS OF SALE, AND RETENTION OR INSPECTION OF RECORDS OR BILLS OF SALE RELATING TO ALLIGATOR TRANSACTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR ALLIGATOR PARTS TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR TAGGING AND SHIPMENT OF ALLIGATOR SKINS; TO PROVIDE FOR A SEVERANCE TAX ON ALLIGATOR SKINS; TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING OR POSSESSION OF ALLIGATORS OR THEIR EGGS, SKINS, OR PARTS, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVOCATION OF LICENSES ISSUED UNDER THIS CHAPTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR CONFISCATION OF CERTAIN ALLIGATOR SKINS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF LICENSE FEES AND TAXES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECT UPON LICENSES ISSUED UNDER THIS CHAPTER IN THE EVENT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PLACES ALLIGATORS IN AN ENDANGERED SPECIES STATUS; TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES AND FORFEITURES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER IT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR PERSONS TAKING, POSSESSING, STORING, TRANSPORTING, PROCESSING, SELLING, OFFERING FOR SALE, BUYING, OR SHIPPING OF AN AMERICAN ALLIGATOR (ALLIGATOR MISSISSIPPIENSIS) OR EGGS, PARTS, OR PRODUCTS OF AN ALLIGATOR RAISED BY AN ALLIGATOR FARMER ON AN ALLIGATOR FARM PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.

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