

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

**H\*4543 (Rat #0301, Act #0254 of 2014) General Bill, By Southard, R.L. Ott, Jefferson, H.A. Crawford, M.S. McLeod, Vick, Hardwick, Williams, Robinson-Simpson, George, Daning, Munnerlyn, Long, Crosby, Felder, Gagnon, Hayes, Hixon, Howard, Norman, Stavrinakis, V.S. Moss and Knight**

**Summary:** Blue Catfish

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-640, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF BLUE CATFISH, SO AS TO DECREASE THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF A BLUE CATFISH THAT MAY BE TAKEN ON CERTAIN BODIES OF WATER, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE, TO ESTABLISH THE DAILY POSSESSION LIMIT FOR BLUE CATFISH TAKEN FROM LAKE MARION, LAKE MOULTRIE, AND THE UPPER REACH OF THE SANTEE RIVER, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO MAKE A STUDY OF THE BLUE CATFISH FISHERY ON THE SANTEE AND COOPER RIVER SYSTEMS, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY NEEDED MODIFICATIONS OF THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 50-9-1120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POINT SYSTEM FOR VIOLATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE FISHING AND HUNTING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TAKING OR POSSESSING MORE THAN THE LEGAL CREEL OR SIZE LIMIT OF BLUE CATFISH IS A FOURTEEN POINT VIOLATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MUST CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE STATUS OF THE BLUE CATFISH POPULATION AND PRESENT THE STUDY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. - ratified title

01/22/14	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 14)
01/22/14	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 14)
01/23/14	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: V.S.Moss
02/26/14	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 1)
02/27/14	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Knight
03/04/14	House	Amended (House Journal-page 33)
03/04/14	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 33)
03/04/14	House	Roll call Yeas-103 Nays-4 (House Journal-page 33)
03/05/14	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 11)
03/05/14	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 9)
03/05/14	Senate	Referred to Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry (Senate Journal-page 9)
05/15/14	Senate	Committee report: Majority favorable, minority unfavorable Fish, Game and Forestry (Senate Journal-page 8)
05/22/14	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 37)
05/23/14		Scrivener's error corrected
05/28/14	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 57)
05/28/14	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 57)
05/28/14	Senate	Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-1 (Senate Journal-page 57)
05/29/14		Scrivener's error corrected
05/29/14	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 48)
06/03/14	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 61)
06/03/14	House	Roll call Yeas-101 Nays-1 (House Journal-page 62)
06/05/14		Ratified R 301
06/06/14		Signed By Governor
06/13/14		Effective date See Act for Effective Date
06/19/14		Act No. 254