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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**