**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, TITLE 46 OF THE 1976 CODE OF LAWS, BY ADDING SECTION 46‑27‑55 TO PERMIT A VENISON PROCESSOR THAT IS AN OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT CERTIFIED BY THE STATE LIVESTOCK-POULTRY HEALTH COMMISSION OR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO SELL OR UTILIZE CERTAIN DEER PARTS FOR PET FOOD; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑1910(A) TO PERMIT A VENISON PROCESSOR TO SELL CERTAIN DEER PARTS TO BE UTILIZED AS PET FOOD.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 27 of Title 46 of the 1976 Code of Laws is amended by adding:

“Section 46‑27‑55. A venison processor may sell or utilize the following deer parts for pet food:

(1) heart;

(2) liver;

(3) spleen;

(4) kidneys;

(5) viscera; and

(6) bone meal.

The processor must be an official establishment certified by the State Livestock-Poultry Health Commission or the United States Department of Agriculture. The processor must abide by all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations regarding pet food.”

SECTION 2. Section 50‑11‑1910(A) of the 1976 Code of Laws is amended to read:

“Section 50-11-1910(A). It is unlawful to buy or sell, offer for sale, barter, or have in possession for sale the following: any live deer (family cervidae), the venison of any deer except as provided in Section 50‑11‑1920, any whitetail deer gametes or antler velvet, or any whitetail deer antlers attached to the pedicel. A venison processor may sell certain deer parts to be utilized as pet food pursuant to Section 46‑27‑55.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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