**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, TITLE 46, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROCESSING OF VENISON, BY ADDING SECTION 46‑27‑55, SO AS 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 SO AS 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 is amended by adding:

“Section 46‑27‑25. (A) A deer processor may sell or utilize the following deer parts for commercial feed:

(1) heart;

(2) liver;

(3) spleen;

(4) kidneys;

(5) viscera; and

(6) bone.

(B) A deer processor must notify the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, in writing, of the intent to sell or utilize the parts listed in subsection (A) as commercial feed during that year’s deer season. This written notification must be submitted prior to selling or utilizing deer parts for commercial feed. The processor must also notify the Department of Agriculture, in writing, of the number of deer from which parts were processed for commercial feed no later than January thirty‑first immediately following the deer season for which the deer processor stated its intent to sell or utilize deer parts for commercial feed.

(C) The deer processor must abide by the provisions of the Commercial Feed Act of 1976, as amended, and all applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations regarding commercial feed.”

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

“(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 deer processor may sell certain deer parts to be utilized as commercial feed pursuant to Section 46‑27‑25.”

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

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