**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROTECTION OF SMALL GAME, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11‑190 TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEEDING OF NATIVE QUAIL POPULATIONS BY PROPERTY OWNERS, LESSEES, OR THEIR DESIGNEES.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 11, Title 50 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 50‑11‑190. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, property owners, lessees, or their designees may distribute up to one ounce of quail feed or nutrients per square foot of land upon their property not more often than once every two weeks. (B) The type of quail feed used and the method of distribution shall be left to the discretion of the property owner, lessee, or designee.

(C) The spreading of feed as defined by this section, to assist the natural quail populations to remain healthy and vibrant, shall not be considered baiting.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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