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 1/27/2016 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 7](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C01-27-16.docx))

 2/3/2016 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 32](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C02-03-16.docx))

 2/4/2016 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C02-04-16.docx))

 2/4/2016 Senate Roll call Ayes‑37 Nays‑1 ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C02-04-16.docx))

 2/9/2016 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C02-09-16.docx))

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 2/9/2016 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 45](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C02-09-16.docx))

 5/24/2016 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 33](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C05-24-16.docx))

 6/1/2016 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 16](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C06-01-16.docx))

 6/1/2016 House Roll call Yeas‑104 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C06-01-16.docx))

 6/2/2016 House Read third time and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 6](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C06-02-16.docx))

 6/2/2016 Ratified R 233

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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50‑13‑645, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF NONGAME FISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A RECREATIONAL FISHERMAN TO TAKE MORE THAN TWENTY‑FIVE AMERICAN EEL A DAY AND THAT EACH AMERICAN EEL TAKEN MUST BE AT LEAST NINE INCHES LONG.**

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

**Taking of American eel**

SECTION 1. Section 50‑13‑645 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 50-13-645. It is unlawful for a recreational fisherman to take more than twenty‑five American eel (Anguilla rostrata) a day. Each American eel must be at least nine inches long.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 2nd day of June, 2016.

Approved the 3rd day of June, 2016.

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