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COMMITTEE REPORT

January 28, 2016

**H. 4458**

Introduced by Reps. Huggins, Hodges and Hixon

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Read the first time January 12, 2016.

**THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NATURAL**

**RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4458) to amend Section 50‑21‑870, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to personal watercraft and boating safety, so as to increase the zone in which, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

DAVID R. HIOTT for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑21‑870, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERSONAL WATERCRAFT AND BOATING SAFETY, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ZONE IN WHICH A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SPECIALTY PROPCRAFT, OR VESSEL IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED ADJACENT OF A MOORED OR ANCHORED VESSEL, WHARF, DOCK, BULKHEAD, PIER, OR A PERSON UPON THE WATERS OF THIS STATE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑21‑870(B)(6) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(6) operate a personal watercraft, specialty propcraft, or vessel while upon the waters of this State in excess of idle speed within ~~50~~ 100 feet of a moored or an anchored vessel, wharf, dock, bulkhead, pier, or a person in the water, or within 100 yards of the Atlantic Ocean coast line. The prohibitions contained in this item (6) do not apply to an unoccupied, moored vessel or watercraft;”

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

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