COMMITTEE REPORT

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**S. 463**

Introduced by Senators S. Martin and Campsen

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**THE COMMITTEE ON FISH, GAME AND FORESTRY**

To whom was referred a Joint Resolution (S. 463) to direct the Department of Natural Resources to conduct a review of wildlife tagging, validation, and methods of checking harvested game utilized in other states, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

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

GEORGE E. CAMPSEN III for Committee.

**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF WILDLIFE TAGGING, VALIDATION, AND METHODS OF CHECKING HARVESTED GAME UTILIZED IN OTHER STATES AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds:

(1) Our State is blessed with bountiful natural resources that enhance our quality of life and provide recreational, social, and economic benefits to our State.

(2) The Department of Natural Resources conserves and manages our natural resources so that they may be enjoyed by current and future generations.

(3) Hunting is among the most popular recreational and social activities enjoyed throughout the State.

(4) The Department of Natural Resources is undertaking several wildlife tagging efforts to further manage the wildlife population available for hunting.

SECTION 2. The Department of Natural Resources shall conduct a review and gather data concerning the tagging, validation, and methods of checking harvested game utilized in other states with regard to hunting and taking wildlife. The findings of the review along with recommendations concerning tagging programs in South Carolina shall be presented to the Chairman of the Senate Fish, Game, and Forestry Committee, and the Chairman of the House of Representatives Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee no later than January 5, 2016.

SECTION 3. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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