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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50‑13‑260, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A “CATCH AND RELEASE” FISHERY FOR TROUT, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A YEAR‑ROUND “CATCH AND RELEASE” ZONE ON THE LOWER REACH OF THE SALUDA RIVER; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL MAKE A STUDY OF THE LOWER SALUDA RIVER TROUT FISHERY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF THIS ACT.**

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

**Catch and release zone**

SECTION 1. Section 50‑13‑260 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered new subsection to read:

 “( ) In order to establish a year‑round ‘catch and release’ zone on the lower reach of the Saluda River, it is unlawful to take and retain trout from the eastbound I‑20 bridge downstream to Stacey’s Ledge.”

**Study of the lower Saluda River**

SECTION 2. The Department of Natural Resources shall make a study of the lower Saluda River trout fishery and make recommendations on any needed modifications to the fishery by November 1, 2023.

**Repeal**

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act are repealed on June 30, 2025.

**Time effective**

SECTION 4. This act takes effect on July 1, 2018.

Ratified the 14th day of May, 2018.

Approved the 17th day of May, 2018.

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