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Summary: Hunting and fishing

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/18/2017 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 14](file:///h:\hj\20170118.docx))

1/18/2017 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 14](file:///h:\hj\20170118.docx))

1/19/2017 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Kirby

1/25/2017 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Duckworth, Forrest, Hixon, Hewitt

1/26/2017 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Davis

1/26/2017 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 1](file:///h:\hj\20170126.docx))

1/31/2017 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Martin

1/31/2017 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 31](file:///h:\hj\20170131.docx))

1/31/2017 House Roll call Yeas‑100 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 31](file:///h:\hj\20170131.docx))

2/1/2017 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\hj\20170201.docx))

2/1/2017 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj\20170201.docx))

2/1/2017 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj\20170201.docx))

3/29/2017 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 19](file:///h:\sj\20170329.docx))

4/4/2017 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 19](file:///h:\sj\20170404.docx))

4/4/2017 Senate Roll call Ayes‑34 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 19](file:///h:\sj\20170404.docx))

4/18/2017 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 14](file:///h:\sj\20170418.docx))

4/19/2017 Ratified R 21

4/24/2017 Signed By Governor

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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50‑9‑750 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY ISSUE SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION FOR HUNTING AND FISHING TO ANY PERSON WHO IS NOT MORE THAN TWENTY‑ONE YEARS OLD WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A TERMINAL OR LIFE THREATENING ILLNESS OR INJURY WHO IS SPONSORED BY CERTAIN NONPROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT LICENSE, TAG, AND FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR HUNTING AND FISHING ARE WAIVED, AND TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR TO DETERMINE THE PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH THE SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION IS VALID.**

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

**Special authorization for hunting and fishing**

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 9, Title 50 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 50‑9‑750. (A) The Director of the Department of Natural Resources may issue special authorization for hunting and fishing to any person not more than twenty‑one years of age who has been diagnosed with a terminal or life threatening illness or injury. All licenses, tags, and fees specified in this chapter are waived for a person issued special authorization pursuant to this section. The director may impose any terms and conditions he deems necessary to implement the special authorization. This may include allowing members of family, chaperones and others to assist with the hunt.

(B) The director may prepare an application to be used by persons requesting special authorization and may require signed documentation from a licensed physician.

(C) The person seeking special authorization must be sponsored by a nonprofit charitable organization that has within its mission to provide opportunities and experiences to persons with life threatening illnesses or injuries.

(D) The special authorization is valid for a time period designated by the director.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 19th day of April, 2017.

Approved the 24th day of April, 2017.

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