**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-260 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF FRESHWATER GAME FISH, TO ESTABLISH A YEAR-ROUND “CATCH AND RELEASE” ZONE ON THE LOWER REACH OF THE SALUDA RIVER.

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

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 possess, take and retain trout from the eastbound I-26 bridge downstream to Stacey’s Ledge.”

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

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