**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 54‑7‑670, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO HOBBY LICENSES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT A HOBBY LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED TO COLLECT SHARKS TEETH.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54‑7‑670(A) and (G)(1) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) A person desiring to conduct temporary, intermittent, recreational, small scale, noncommercial search and recovery of submerged archaeological historic property or submerged paleontological property, other than sharks teeth, shall apply for a hobby license from the institute. ~~Any person collecting from state property such as river banks or beaches below the mean low watermark shall apply for a license.~~

(G)(1) All persons who have collected objects, other than sharks teeth, in accordance with ~~Section 54‑7‑670~~ this section shall furnish the institute with a report which is to include a list of the objects and a description of the places from which the objects were recovered. Hobby divers are also encouraged, but not required, to include photographs or drawings of artifacts recovered and rough sketch plans of the site or map of the location with the exception of shipwreck sites covered under item (2) of this subsection. Reports submitted under a two‑year hobby license must be filed within ten days following the end of the calendar quarter in which the activities took place. All reports under this license must be filed with the institute prior to submitting application for renewal of a hobby license. The institute will not consider applications for renewal until all outstanding reports have been received.”

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

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