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Summary: Swimming prohibition and use of cabins in state parks

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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2/19/2019 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\hj\20190219.docx))

2/19/2019 House Referred to Committee on **Ways and Means** ([House Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\hj\20190219.docx))

3/27/2019 House Committee report: Favorable **Ways and Means** ([House Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\hj\20190327.docx))

4/9/2019 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\hj\20190409.docx))

4/9/2019 House Roll call Yeas‑104 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\hj\20190409.docx))

4/10/2019 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\hj\20190410.docx))

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4/10/2019 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\sj\20190410.docx))

5/1/2019 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj\20190501.docx))

9/22/2020 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj\20200922.docx))

9/22/2020 Senate Roll call Ayes‑37 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj\20200922.docx))

9/23/2020 Senate Read third time and enrolled

9/25/2020 Ratified R 178

9/28/2020 Signed By Governor

10/2/2020 Effective date 09/28/20

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(A156, R178, H4021)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 51‑3‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF SWIMMING OR USE OF CABINS AT STATE PARKS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION; TO AMEND SECTION 51‑3‑50, RELATING TO THE POWER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM TO OPEN PARKS TO NORMAL PUBLIC USE, SO AS TO REMOVE A LIMITATION ON THE DEPARTMENT’S POWER; TO REPEAL SECTION 51‑3‑20 RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON THE FACILITIES AT STATE PARKS; TO REPEAL SECTION 51‑3‑30 RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR USING CABINS OR SWIMMING AT A STATE PARK; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 51‑3‑40 RELATING TO THE LIMITATIONS ON THE OPERATIONS OF CERTAIN STATE PARKS.**

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

**State parks, prohibitions removed**

SECTION 1. Section 51‑3‑10 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 51‑3‑10. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism may control, supervise, maintain and, wherever practicable, improve all parks belonging to the State, for general recreational, educational, and forestry purposes.”

**State parks, limitations removed**

SECTION 2. Section 51‑3‑50 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 51‑3‑50. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism shall open any state park to public use for such normal recreational, educational, and forestry purposes and uses, and for such hours of operation as it shall deem advisable.”

**Repeal**

SECTION 3. Sections 51‑3‑20, 51‑3‑30, and 51‑3‑40 of the 1976 Code are repealed.

**Time effective**

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 25th day of September, 2020.

Approved the 28th day of September, 2020.

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