**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50‑11‑1241 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE PROPAGATION OF ANIMALS OTHER THAN THE AUTHORIZED SPECIES; BY ADDING SECTION 50‑11‑1305 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT WILDLIFE LAWS AND REGULATIONS ARE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON SHOOTING PRESERVES; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑1200, RELATING TO OPERATING LICENSES FOR PRIVATELY OWNED SHOOTING PRESERVES, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑1280, RELATING TO HARVEST LIMITS ON SHOOTING PRESERVE SPECIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT HARVEST LIMITS ON OTHER SPECIES APPLY ON SHOOTING PRESERVES; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑1290, RELATING TO THE TAGGING OF HARVESTED DESIGNATED SHOOTING PRESERVE SPECIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN SPECIES FROM A SHOOTING PRESERVE; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 50‑9‑340 RELATING TO HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOOTING PRESERVES.

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

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 11, Title 50 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 50‑11‑1241. It is unlawful for any person to propagate, possess, or release on any shooting preserve any wildlife or wild animal except pen raised preserve species unless the person has received prior written approval from the department. Importation of any wildlife or wild animal for purposes of propagation, possession, or release on a shooting preserve must be approved by the department and the unauthorized importation of wildlife or a wild animal is grounds for the revocation of the shooting preserve’s operating license.”

SECTION 2. Article 7, Chapter 11, Title 50 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 50‑11‑1305. Except as otherwise specifically provided, all wildlife laws and regulations must be in full force and effect on shooting preserves licensed pursuant to this article. Specifically, hunting licenses must be required of all persons hunting on such preserves; provided, however, that it is lawful for a resident or nonresident to hunt pen raised shooting preserve species within the boundaries of such a preserve with a shooting preserve hunting license pursuant to the provisions of Section 50‑9‑510.”

SECTION 3. Section 50‑11‑1200 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50‑11‑1200. (A) The department may grant operating licenses for shooting preserves which are privately owned and operated under the terms and provisions as provided in this article.

(B) It is unlawful for any person to release pen raised game birds unless the person has first obtained an operating license for a shooting preserve.

(C) An application for an operating license must be submitted on a form furnished by the department and must contain:

(1) the applicant’s name and address;

(2) a detailed description of the proposed activities and operations on the shooting preserve;

(3) the location and description of the premises of the preserve; and

(4) other information the department deems necessary to evaluate the application.

(D) As a condition of the operating license, the owner of the shooting preserve or his agent shall, prior to allowing a person to hunt on the shooting preserve:

(1) confirm that the person has completed a hunter education course certified by the department; or

(2) provide the person with onsite hunting instruction and supervision that, at a minimum, demonstrates proper techniques for firearm handling, unloading, and safety.”

SECTION 4. Section 50‑11‑1280 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50‑11‑1280. There is no harvest limit on species designated as shooting preserve species. The harvest limit for other species remains in effect on a shooting preserve.”

SECTION 5. Section 50‑11‑1290 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50‑11‑1290. (A) All harvested designated shooting preserve species must be tagged before removal from a shooting preserve and the tags must remain affixed until the animal is prepared for consumption. If these species are packaged in bundles one tag is sufficient for the bundle, but the number of carcasses in the bundle must be recorded on each tag. Tags must contain the hunter’s name, address, total number, and species, the date the animals were harvested, and name of shooting preserve where harvested.

(B) The owner of the shooting preserve or his agent must:

(1) maintain a complete record of all pen raised game birds propagated, released, or taken on the preserve;

(2) affix the contact information of the preserve to a pen raised shooting preserve species taken from the preserve; and

(3) report the diagnosis of an epizootic disease in a pen raised shooting preserve species within twenty‑four hours.”

SECTION 6. Section 50‑9‑340 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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