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COMMITTEE REPORT

February 14, 2019

**H. 3750**

Introduced by Reps. Hewitt, Yow, Ott, Crawford, Kirby, Hardee, Hiott and W. Newton

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Read the first time January 24, 2019.

**THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NATURAL**

**RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3750) to amend Section 50‑9‑650, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to deer hunting, so as to provide that a resident who purchases a, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

/ SECTION 1. Section 50‑9‑650(B)(2)(a) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(a) With the purchase of a South Carolina hunting license and a big game permit, a resident shall be issued ~~eight date specific individual antlerless deer tags which are valid only on specified days~~ two individual antlerless deer tags and three unrestricted individual antlered deer tags. Persons under the age of sixteen, lifetime, and gratis licensees may receive these tags upon request to the department. Residents, including persons under the age of sixteen, lifetime, and gratis licensees also may purchase:

(i) two antler restriction individual antlered deer tags valid for deer with a minimum of four points on one antler or a minimum twelve‑inch inside antler spread for five dollars per tag; and

(ii) additional individual antlerless deer tags for five dollars per tag.”

SECTION 2. Section 50‑11‑390(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A)~~(1)~~ The department may promulgate regulations to permit the taking of antlerless deer between September fifteenth and January first.

~~(2)~~ ~~The department must establish a minimum number of antlerless days as follows:~~

~~(a)~~ ~~three days in Game Zone 1;~~

~~(b)~~ ~~eight days in Game Zones 2, 3, and 4.~~”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

DAVID R. HIOTT for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑650, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEER HUNTING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RESIDENT WHO PURCHASES A SOUTH CAROLINA HUNTING LICENSE AND A BIG GAME PERMIT MUST RECEIVE AT LEAST TWO ANTLERLESS DEER TAGS THAT ARE NOT DATE SPECIFIC.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑9‑650(B)(2)(a) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(a) With the purchase of a South Carolina hunting license and a big game permit, a resident shall be issued ~~eight~~ six date‑specific individual antlerless deer tags which are valid only on specified days, two individual antlerless deer tags that are not date‑specific, and three unrestricted individual antlered deer tags. Persons under the age of sixteen, lifetime, and gratis licensees may receive these tags upon request to the department. Residents, including persons under the age of sixteen, lifetime, and gratis licensees also may purchase:

(i) two antler restriction individual antlered deer tags valid for deer with a minimum of four points on one antler or a minimum twelve‑inch inside antler spread for five dollars per tag; and

(ii) additional individual antlerless deer tags for five dollars per tag.”

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

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