**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑16‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE IMPORTATION OF WILDLIFE FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM TRANSPORTING CERTAIN TYPES OF WILDLIFE FOR ANY PURPOSE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑16‑20(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) It is unlawful for a person to import, possess, or transport ~~for the purpose of release~~ or to introduce or bring into this State any live wildlife of the following types without a permit from the department:

(1) a furbearer, a member of the family Cervidae, a nondomestic member of the families Suidae (pigs), Tayassuidae (peccaries), Bovidae (bison, mountain goat, mountain sheep), coyote, bear, or turkey (genus Meleagris). Furbearer includes, but is not limited to, red and gray fox, raccoon, opossum, muskrat, mink, skunk, otter, bobcat, weasel, and beaver;

(2) a species of marine or estuarine fish, crustacean, mollusk, or other marine invertebrate not already found in the wild, or not native to this State~~.~~; or

(3) a species of freshwater fish, crustacean, mollusk, or other freshwater invertebrate not already found in the wild or not native to this State.”

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

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