**A** **BILL**

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:

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~~, provided, however, that swimming and rental or use of park cabins shall not be allowed~~.”

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

“Section 51‑3‑50. ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 51‑3‑10 through 51‑3‑40, the~~ The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism shall open any ~~State~~ 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.”

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 Sections 51‑3‑20, 51‑3‑30, and 51‑3‑40 of the 1976 Code are repealed.

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

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