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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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2/2/2022 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\hj\20220202.docx))

2/17/2022 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 57](file:///h:\hj\20220217.docx))

2/22/2022 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 30](file:///h:\hj\20220222.docx))

2/22/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑107 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 30](file:///h:\hj\20220222.docx))

2/23/2022 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\hj\20220223.docx))

2/23/2022 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 4](file:///h:\sj\20220223.docx))

2/23/2022 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 4](file:///h:\sj\20220223.docx))

3/17/2022 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\sj\20220317.docx))

3/23/2022 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj\20220323.docx))

3/23/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑45 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj\20220323.docx))

3/31/2022 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj\20220331.docx))

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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50‑11‑90 SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO OBTAIN AND USE SCHEDULE III NONNARCOTICS AND SCHEDULE IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 47‑3‑420, RELATING TO METHODS OF ANIMAL EUTHANASIA, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.**

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

**Controlled substances for the capture and immobilization of wildlife**

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

“Section 50‑11‑90. The department may obtain and utilize Schedule III nonnarcotics and Schedule IV controlled substances for the capture and immobilization of wildlife. The department must apply for a Controlled Substance Registration Certificate from the federal Drug Enforcement and Administration (DEA) and a State Controlled Substances Registration from the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). The administration of tranquilizing agents must be done only by department employees trained and certified for this purpose. Department applicants issued a certificate by the DEA and a registration by DHEC are responsible for maintaining their respective records regarding the inventory, storage, and administration of controlled substances and are subject to inspection and audit by DHEC and the DEA.”

**Controlled substances for euthanasia**

SECTION 2. Section 47‑3‑420(A)(1)(i) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(i) an animal shelter or governmental animal control agency may obtain sodium pentobarbital or a derivative or tranquilizing agent by direct licensing. The animal shelter or governmental animal control agency must apply for a Controlled Substance Registration Certificate from the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and a State Controlled Substances Registration from the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). If an animal shelter or governmental animal control agency is issued a certificate by the DEA and a registration by DHEC pursuant to this subitem, the animal shelter or governmental animal control agency director or his designee are responsible for maintaining their respective records regarding the inventory, storage, and administration of controlled substances. An animal shelter or governmental animal control agency and its certified euthanasia technician are subject to inspection and audit by DHEC and the DEA regarding the recordkeeping, inventory, storage, and administration of controlled substances used under authority of this article;”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 7th day of April, 2022.

Approved the 11th day of April, 2022.

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