**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO OFFER A LICENSE, PERMIT, OR TAG MADE OF A DURABLE MATERIAL AND TO ESTABLISH A FEE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑50, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE, PERMIT, OR STAMP, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A PERSON HUNTING OR FISHING TO DISPLAY THEIR LICENSE, PERMIT, OR STAMP ELECTRONICALLY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑9‑40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection to read:

“( ) The department may offer to fulfill any privilege for applicants on a card made of durable materials such as plastic or a similar product. The fee is six dollars of which the issuing vendor may retain one dollar.”

SECTION 2. Section 50‑9‑50 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50‑9‑50. (A) Licenses, permits, tags, and stamps issued pursuant to this title must be carried on the person while exercising the privileges of the license, permit, tag, or stamp, and the person shall produce the license, permit, tag, or stamp to a law enforcement officer upon demand.

(B) A person exercising the privileges of a license, permit, or stamp may provide proof of the license, permit, tag, or stamp to a law enforcement officer upon demand by use of a mobile electronic device in a format prescribed by the department. A person carrying a mobile electronic device with access to electronic proof of a license, permit, tag, or stamp is deemed to be carrying the license on his person.

(C) A person who has been issued a license, permit, tag, or stamp but who fails to keep it in possession or provide electronic proof of the license, permit, or stamp while exercising the privileges granted under it is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021.

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