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COMMITTEE REPORT

April 28, 2021

**S. 545**

Introduced by Senator Goldfinch

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**THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NATURAL**

**RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 545) to amend Section 50‑13‑675, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to nongame fishing devices permitted in certain bodies of water, 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 inserting an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

/ SECTION . Section 50‑13‑675(9) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(9) Congaree River:

(a) ~~hoop nets:~~

~~(i)~~ ~~commercial license‑ ten;~~

~~(b)~~ set hooks:

(i) recreational license—fifty;

(ii) commercial license—fifty;

~~(c)~~(b) traps:

(i) recreational license—two;

(ii) commercial license—ten;

~~(d)~~(c) trotlines:

(i) recreational license—one line with fifty hooks maximum;

(ii) commercial license—three lines with one hundred fifty hooks maximum; /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

DAVID R. HIOTT for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑13‑675, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO NONGAME FISHING DEVICES PERMITTED IN CERTAIN BODIES OF WATER, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF SET HOOKS WITHIN A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE SANTEE RIVER.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑13‑675(46) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(46) Santee River, from USGS gauging station 1715 about 2.4 miles below Santee Dam downstream to the saltwater/freshwater dividing line including the North and South Santee Rivers:

(a) eel pots:

(i) recreational license—two;

(ii) commercial license—seventy‑five;

(b) skimbow nets:

(i) recreational license only—one;

(c) traps:

(i) recreational license—two;

(ii) commercial license—fifty;

(d) trotlines:

(i) recreational license—one line with fifty hooks maximum;

(ii) commercial license—five lines with two hundred fifty hooks maximum;

(e) set hooks:

(i) recreational license—fifty;

(ii) commercial license—fifty;”

SECTION 2. Section 50-13-675(55)(a) of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“(i) commercial license only—ten;”

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

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