**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-997 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO OUT-OF-SEASON HARVEST PERMITS FOR SHELLFISH MARICULTURE PERMITTEES, TO PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF OUT-OF-SEASON HARVEST PERMITS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF HARVESTING OYSTERS OUT OF SEASON.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50-5-997 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered new subsection to read:

“( ) The department may not issue an out-of-season harvest permit to a Shellfish Mariculture permittee for the privilege of harvesting oysters out of season.”

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

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