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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO REGULATIONS FOR NONNATIVE WILDLIFE, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5027, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

SECTION 1. The regulations of the Department of Natural Resources, relating to Regulations for Nonnative Wildlife, designated as Regulation Document Number 5027, and submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 1 of the 1976 Code, are approved.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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SUMMARY AS SUBMITTED

BY PROMULGATING AGENCY.

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources is proposing to add Regulation 123‑152, Regulations for Nonnative Wildlife. The proposed regulation provides for the implementation of authority granted by S.C. Code of Laws section 50‑15‑55 and establishes the list of Restricted Nonnative Wildlife. This includes species that have the potential to become established in this State in sufficient numbers to become a nuisance and/or pose a demonstrable deleterious and widespread threat to wildlife, agriculture, or human health and safety. Regulations include restrictions on possession, sale, offer for sale, transfer of possession, import, release, reproduction, and escape of designated species and associated permitting. The Black and White Tegu *(Salvator merianae)* is added to the list of Restricted Nonnative Wildlife, and regulations establish specific provisions for the possession and permitting of this species.

The Notice of Drafting was published in the *State Register* on October 23, 2020.

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