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**A176, R217, H4611**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Sponsors: Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch and Forrest

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Summary: Unlawful removal of electronic dog-control devices

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 11/16/2023 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs**

 1/9/2024 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 98)

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 1/30/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hardee

 1/31/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Brewer,
 Robbins, Gatch

 2/28/2024 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** (House Journal‑page 7)

 3/5/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Forrest

 3/6/2024 House Amended (House Journal‑page 37)

 3/6/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 37)

 3/6/2024 House Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 38)

 3/7/2024 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 19)

 3/12/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 7)

 3/12/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** (Senate Journal‑page 7)

 5/1/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Fish, Game and Forestry** (Senate Journal‑page 12)

 5/8/2024 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal‑page 144)

 5/8/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 144)

 5/8/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 144)

 5/9/2024 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal‑page 125)

 5/9/2024 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal‑page 115)

 5/9/2024 House Roll call Yeas-110 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 115)

 5/15/2024 Ratified R 217

 5/20/2024 Signed By Governor

 5/29/2024 Effective date 05/20/24

 5/29/2024 Act No. 176

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(A176, R217, H4611)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA code of laws BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-785 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRONIC COLLARs OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICEs PLACED ON DOGs BY their OWNERs and to provide penalties.

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

Unlawful removal or destruction of an electronic collar

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 50 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 50‑11‑785. (A) It is unlawful to intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar or other electronic device placed on a dog by its owner.

 (B) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be:

 (1) fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than ten days for a first offense; or

 (2) fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days for a second or subsequent offense.

Time effective

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

Ratified the 15th day of May, 2024.

Approved the 20th day of May, 2024.

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