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**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Summary: Lower Saluda River hook size restriction

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 2/1/2024 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 9)

 2/1/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** (House Journal‑page 9)

 2/28/2024 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** (House Journal‑page 8)

 2/29/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 23)

 2/29/2024 House Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 23)

 3/5/2024 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 31)

 3/7/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 6)

 3/7/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** (Senate Journal‑page 6)

 4/16/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Fish, Game and Forestry** (Senate Journal‑page 9)

 4/18/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 38)

 4/18/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 38)

 4/25/2024 Senate Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal‑page 20)

 5/8/2024 Ratified R 170

 5/13/2024 Signed By Governor

 5/30/2024 Effective date 05/13/24

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑13‑230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERMITTED HOOK SIZE IN THE LOWER SALUDA RIVER.

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

Striped bass limits

SECTION 1. Section 50‑13‑230(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (B) On the lower reach of the Saluda River from June sixteenth through September thirtieth, it is unlawful to take or possess striped bass. Striped bass taken must be returned immediately to the waters from where it came. When fishing with live or dead bait fish or bait fish parts in the Lower Saluda River between June sixteenth and September thirtieth, hook gap, the distance from hook to point to shank, must not exceed three eighths of an inch (nominally #6 hook) for all hook types except inline, nonstainless steel circle hooks. All sizes of inline, nonoffset, nonstainless steel circle hooks are allowed.

Time effective

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

Ratified the 8th day of May, 2024.

Approved the 13th day of May, 2024.

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