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**STATUS INFORMATION**

Joint Resolution

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Summary: JR to Approve Reg. Doc. No. 5332

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

 Date Body Action Description with journal page number

 3/19/2025 Senate Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference (Senate Journal‑page 5)

 4/3/2025 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 15)

 4/3/2025 Senate Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 15)

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 4/4/2025 Senate Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal‑page 2)

 4/9/2025 House Introduced and read first time

 4/9/2025 House Referred to Committee on **Regulations and Administrative Procedures**

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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[03/19/2025-A](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess126_2025-2026/prever/470_20250319a.docx)

A JOINT RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE Department of Natural Resources, RELATING TO Wildlife Management Area Regulations; Turkey Hunting Rules and SeasonS; and Bear Hunting Rules and Seasons, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5332, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

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 Wildlife Management Area Regulations; Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons; and Bear Hunting Rules and Seasons, designated as Regulation Document Number 5332, and submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 1 of the S.C. 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 amend the existing regulations that set seasons, bag limits and methods of hunting and taking of wildlife. These amendments set seasons for new Wildlife Management Areas, modify turkey seasons and bag limits to conform to statute, and increase the bear quota in Game Zone 4.

The Notice of Drafting was published in Volume 48, Issue No. 9 of the South Carolina *State Register* on September 27, 2024.

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