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AMENDED

February 16, 2006

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Introduced by Reps. Altman, Mahaffey, Toole and Perry

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Read the first time January 10, 2006.

A BILL

TO AMEND SECTION [50-5-2300](#), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERMITS TO HARVEST AND MARKET DIAMOND-BACKED TERRAPIN AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO GRANT PERMITS TO HARVEST AND MARKET DIAMOND-BACKED TERRAPIN AND PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO TAKE OR POSSESS DIAMOND-BACKED TERRAPIN FOR A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE, AND TO REVISE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section [50-5-2300](#) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 245 of 2000, is amended to read:

"Section [50-5-2300](#). (A) ~~The department may grant permits for the harvest and marketing of diamond back terrapin and condition the permits to set seasons, size limits, bag limits, areas, fishing times, and equipment restrictions regarding the harvest of diamond backed terrapin.~~ It is unlawful to take or possess diamond-backed terrapin except in accordance with the permits granted by the department for a commercial purpose. A person may possess no more than two diamond-backed terrapin for a noncommercial purpose. Nothing in this section ~~will prohibit~~ prohibits the incidental take catch of terrapin by persons engaged in another a lawful fishery ~~during the closed season~~ when the terrapin are returned immediately to the water.

(B) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than ~~twenty five~~ one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days. Each terrapin taken or possessed in violation of this section constitutes a separate offense."

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

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