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Hunting Alligators. (S. 165) An act to amend § 50-15-65, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to management and control of alligators on private lands, so as to extend the hunting season of alligators on private lands from October 15th to May 31st.
Signed into law. Effective 3/1/13.

Poultry Products Inspection Law. (S. 192) A bill to amend § 47-19-140 of the 1976 Code, relating to exemptions from the Poultry Products Inspection Law, to provide for an exemption to the provisions in this chapter for certain poultry producers or other persons who slaughter or process the products of more than five thousand turkeys or an equivalent number of poultry of all species in the current calendar year, and to make technical corrections.
Referred to Senate Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee.

Cruelty to Animals (Penalties). (S. 193) A bill to amend §47-1-41 of the 1976 Code, relating to cruelty to animals, to revise certain criminal penalties; to amend §47-1-130, relating to arrests for cruelty to animals, to provide that a law enforcement officer may arrest persons for violating laws relating to cruelty to animals; to amend § 47-1-140, relating to care of animals after an arrest, to provide that law enforcement officers are to provide proper care for the animals; and to amend § 47-1-150, relating to orders to provide care, to provide that such orders are to be issued by the Magistrate or Municipal Judge, any law enforcement officer, or agent of the county.
Passed the Senate; Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

Dogs and Domestic Pets (Shelters/Private Practice Veterinarians). (S. 194/H. 3492). A bill to amend Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 47, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to regulation by counties and municipalities of dogs and domestic pets, so as to revise the definition of certain terms contained in this article and add additional terms that relate to these matters, to provide that the provision that states nothing in this article may limit the power of any municipality or count to enact ordinances prohibiting certain animals from running at large and to enforce additional measures for the control of rabies and the adoption of shelter policies is moved from one section to another section, to provide that pet owners must be given the option to decide who shall provide veterinary services to the pets, to require an animal shelter to counsel pet owners to seek veterinary services as soon as possible under certain circumstances, to require a licensed veterinarian to examine an adopted pet prior to release from an animal shelter or in the event a licensed veterinarian is not available, to require a pet owner to document with an animal shelter within seventy-two hours that a licensed veterinarian has examined his pet, to provide that animal shelters may not require services to be performed nor may the pre-charge for services or charge for services not rendered, to require animal shelters receiving grant funds that include public money to assist with sterilization procedures on animals that are owned or in possession, custody, or control of a municipal animal shelter or nonprofit animal rescue to use those funds solely for sterilization procedures and no other purposes and to provide that a portion of the

grant funds, not to exceed fifteen percent, may be used for immediate or emergency medical needs of the animals, to provide that before an adopted pet is released from an animal shelter, it must be sterilized by the animal shelter or humane society, or the pet owner must document that the pet is scheduled for sterilization by a licensed veterinarian, to provide that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all animal shelters and animal shelter owners are subject to regulation by the department of labor, licensing and regulation and the board of veterinary medical examiners, and provide that veterinarians who provide services to animals in animals shelters are required to keep client-patient records, to provide that any animal shelter or related clinic receiving or expending public funds is subject to the Freedom of Information Act; to define the term "Mobile Veterinary Practice", to require a "Mobile Veterinary Practice" to have an affiliation agreement with a local veterinary facility within twenty miles of each location in which a "Mobile Veterinary Practice" locates, and to require contact information of the affiliated facility to be posted at the mobile location and be given to the pet owner documenting services rendered; and to amend Article 8, Chapter 3, Title 47, relating to the sterilization of dogs and cats, so as to delete the provision that contains certain terms and their definitions, and the provision that allows a political subdivision to adopt shelter policies that are more stringent that the requirements contained in this article.
S. 194 Referred to Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; *H. 3492 Passed House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs' Agriculture Subcommittee with multiple amendments.*

Self-Defense. (S. 223) A bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding § 50-11-108 to provide that a person may use a firearm to kill or attempt to kill any animal during any season in self-defense, defense of another, or defense of domestic animals, to provide that a person who uses deadly force against a big game animal or alligator must report the incident to the Department of Natural Resources, to provide that certain animal carcasses taken pursuant to this section may not be retained, and to provide a penalty for failure to report the incident or surrender the carcass to the Department of Natural Resources.
Passed Senate; Assigned to House Judiciary Committee.

Cockfighting. (S. 529/H.3068) A bill to amend § 16-17-650 of the 1976 Code, relating to cockfighting, to increase the fines and penalties for the offense, create a new offense of being present at a structure, facility, or location where cockfighting is taking place, and to provide an exception for minors present when cockfighting is taking place under certain circumstances.
S. 529 assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee; H. 3068 assigned to House Judiciary Committee

Animal Rescue Act (S. 640) A bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, so as to enact the "Animal Rescue Act" by adding Article 17 to Chapter 3, Title 47, to make findings, to amongst other things, provide that an animal may not be killed if another animal shelter request the animal, to set forth a holding requirement before an animal may be killed, to provide the manner in which an animal may be killed, and to make provisions regarding feral cats and feral cat caregivers; to amend § 47-3-440,

as amended, relating to the process by which an animal may be killed, so as to make conforming changes; and to repeal §47-3-420 relating to allowable methods of euthanasia for an animal.
Assigned to Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

Bear Baying (S. 777/H. 3490) A bill to amend §16-27-80 of the 1976 Code, relating to the exemptions of certain activities from the Animal Fighting and Baiting Act, to delete the exemption of "Bear-Baying," and to amend §50-11-430, relating to bear hunting and unlawful acts in regard to bears including a provision that it is unlawful to possess a captive bear except by permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources, to provide that a captive bear for which a permit has been issued and which upon information and belief of the Department has been or is being used for the purpose of "Bear-Baying" must be taken into custody by the Department, and to provide that the Department shall make every effort to place these bears in a suitable environment, including zoos or animal parks within or outside this state.
S. 777 assigned to Senate Fish, Game, and Forestry Committee; H. 3490 assigned to House Judiciary Committee.

Animal Abuse Registry (H. 3045) A bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 12 to Title 23 so as to provide for the registration and community notification of animal abusers.
Assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

Cockfighting (H. 3049) A bill to amend §16-17-650, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to cockfighting, so as to increase the penalties for the offense.
Assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

Sales Tax Exemptions for Farm Equipment (H. 3155) A bill to amend §12-36-2120, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to sales tax exemptions, so as to extend the exemption allowed farm machinery, replacement parts, and attachment to machinery, replacement parts, and attachments used in the commercial breeding and raising of cattle, horses, and other livestock for sale.
Referred to Ways and Means Committee.

Domestic Abuse (H. 3361) A bill to amend § 20-4-60, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to an order for protection from domestic abuse, so as to provide that the court prohibit harm or harassment to a pet animal owned, possessed, kept, or held by the petitioned and to provide that in ordering temporary possession of personal property, the court may order the temporary possession of pet animals.
Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

Ill Treatment of Animals (H. 3392) A bill to amend § 47-1-40, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the ill-treatment of animals, so as to restructure the statute and provide graduated penalties for various levels of ill-treatment of animals.
Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

Certification of Canine Teams (H. 3580) A bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding § 23-23-140 so as to provide for the certification of canine teams.
Passed House; Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Tattooing and Piercing Animals (H. 3622) A bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding § 47-1-45 so as to prohibit the tattooing or piercing of a companion animal except for specified reasons and to provide penalties for violations.
Referred to House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Dangerous Wild Animals Act (H. 3985) A bill to amend the code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 2 to Title 47 so as to enact the "Dangerous Wild Animals Act," to define certain terms, to prohibit certain persons from owning, possessing, or coming into contact with a dangerous wild animal, to authorize inspections by the animal control authority, to authorize confiscation of these animals under certain conditions, to provide that local government bodies may adopt an ordinance that regulates the possession of dangerous wild animals, to regulate the treatment of dangerous wild animals, and to provide penalties.
Referred to House Agricultural, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Guide or service dogs; Police dog or horse (H. 4130) A bill to amend § 47-3-630, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to penalties associated with maltreating, injuring, or killing police dogs and horses, so as to increase fines and penalties, to provide for mandatory minimum penalties and consecutive service of sentences, and to allow for restitution; to amend § 47-3-940, relating to a person with reckless disregard injuring, disabling, or causing the death of a guide dog or service animal, so as to increase the penalties for violations; and to amend § 47-3-960, relating to a person intentionally injuring, disabling, or causing the death of a guide dog or service animal, so as to increase the penalties for violation.
Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

Animal Control Officers (H. 4177) A bill to amend § 4-9-145, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to litter control officers, so as to provide that an animal control officer has the same powers and duties as a little control officer.
Referred to House Judiciary Committee