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3/27/2025	House	Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** (House Journal-page 14)
2/19/2026	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Pope
2/25/2026	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hewitt, Cobb-Hunter, Forrest, M.M. Smith
4/2/2026	House	Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** (House Journal-page 6)
4/14/2026	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hartnett, Luck, Gilliard, Rivers, W. Newton, Guest, J. Moore, Williams
4/14/2026	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 38)
4/14/2026	House	Roll call Yeas-103 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 38)
4/15/2026	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 15)
4/15/2026	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 40)
4/15/2026	Senate	Referred to Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** (Senate Journal-page 40)
4/28/2026	Senate	Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture and Natural Resources** (Senate Journal-page 15)
4/30/2026	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 48)
4/30/2026	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 48)
4/30/2026	Senate	Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 48)
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April 30, 2026

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A BILL

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-25-220 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ALL SHRIMP AND SHRIMP PRODUCTS SOLD IN THIS STATE HAVE A LABEL NOTING THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE SHRIMP.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 25, Title 39 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 39-25-220. (A) A person may not sell raw shrimp or shrimp products in this State unless it contains a label clearly and conspicuously noting the country of origin of the shrimp.

(B) All food service establishments including, but not limited to, a restaurant, cafeteria, food stand, saloon, tavern, bar, lounge, or other similar facility engaged in the business of selling ready-to-eat food to the public shall not advertise or otherwise make claims to serve "local shrimp" unless the shrimp served has been harvested from the waters of South Carolina. Any display of this information must be included on a menu or in a prominent and publicly visible location within the food service establishment.

(C) A violation of this section is a prohibited act pursuant to Section 39-25-30 and subject to penalties pursuant to Section 39-25-50.

(D) A food service establishment shall not be liable for a violation of this section if it in good faith relied upon a wholesaler in determining the origin of the shrimp.

(E) A retailer shall not be liable for a violation of subsection (A) except in such circumstances as the retailer is also the manufacturer of the product.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect one hundred twenty days after approval by the Governor.

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