

House Resolution 264 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives James of the 140th, Tillman of the 173rd and Houston of the 166th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for a dog and cat reproductive
 2 sterilization support program and provide funds for the program from the voluntary purchase
 3 of special license plates and other sources; to provide for related matters; to provide for
 4 submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by redesignating the
 8 second subparagraph (k) as subparagraph (l) and by adding at the end thereof a new
 9 subparagraph (m) to read as follows:

10 "(m) There shall be within the Department of Agriculture a dog and cat reproductive
 11 sterilization support program to control dog and cat overpopulation and thereby reduce the
 12 number of animals housed and killed in animal shelters, which program shall be
 13 administered by the Commissioner of Agriculture. In order to fund the program, there shall
 14 be issued beginning in 2003 specially designed license plates promoting the program. The
 15 General Assembly shall provide by law for the issuance of such license plates and for
 16 dedication of certain revenue derived from fees for such plates to the support of the
 17 program. All such dedicated revenue derived from special license plate fees, any funds
 18 appropriated to the department for such purposes, and any voluntary contributions or other
 19 funds made available to the department for such purposes and all interest thereon shall be
 20 deposited in a special fund for support of the program, shall not be used for any purpose
 21 other than support of the program, and shall not lapse. The General Assembly may provide
 22 by law for all matters necessary or appropriate to the implementation of this paragraph."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
 25 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
 26 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

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1 " YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to provide for a dog and cat
2 reproductive sterilization support program to control dog and cat
3 NO overpopulation and thereby reduce the number of animals housed and killed
4 in animal shelters and provide funds for the program from the voluntary
5 purchase of special license plates and other sources?"

6 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
7 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
8 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
9 become a part of the Constitution of this state.