

House Bill 731

By: Representative Pelote of the 149<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 4-8-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 requirements for possessing a dangerous dog, so as to increase the amount of liability  
3 insurance required to be carried by owners of dangerous dogs; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 4-8-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for  
8 possessing a dangerous dog, is amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting in lieu  
9 thereof the following:

10 "(c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section, the owner of a  
11 dangerous dog shall present to the dog control officer evidence of:

12 (1) A policy of insurance in the amount of at least ~~\$15,000.00~~ \$50,000.00 issued by an  
13 insurer authorized to transact business in this state insuring the owner of the dangerous  
14 dog against liability for any personal injuries inflicted by the dangerous dog; or

15 (2) A surety bond in the amount of ~~\$15,000.00~~ \$50,000.00 or more issued by a surety  
16 company authorized to transact business in this state payable to any person or persons  
17 injured by the dangerous dog."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.