

Senate Bill 273

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to dangerous dog control, so as to require the owner of a dangerous dog to provide  
3 evidence of insurance in the amount of \$100,000.00 or more covering the owner against  
4 liability for any personal injuries inflicted by the dangerous dog or a surety bond in the  
5 amount of \$100,000.00 payable to any person injured by the dangerous dog; to provide for  
6 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 dangerous dog control, is amended by striking subsection (c) of Code Section 4-8-25,  
11 relating to requirements for possessing a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog, and  
12 inserting in its place the following:

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

15 (1) A policy of insurance in the amount of at least ~~\$15,000.00~~ \$100,000.00 issued by an  
16 insurer authorized to transact business in this state insuring the owner of the dangerous  
17 dog against liability for any personal injuries inflicted by the dangerous dog; or

18 (2) A surety bond in the amount of ~~\$15,000.00~~ \$100,000.00 or more issued by a surety  
19 company authorized to transact business in this state payable to any person or persons  
20 injured by the dangerous dog."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall apply to all certificates of registration issued pursuant to Code Section 4-8-25  
23 on or after the effective date of this Act.

- 1 **SECTION 3.**
- 2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.