

The House Committee on Game, Fish & Parks offers the following substitute to HB 845:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-3-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 hunting deer with dogs, so as to require permits for such hunting; to prohibit hunting deer  
3 with dogs at certain times; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 27-3-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting deer  
8 with dogs, is amended by adding new subsections to read as follows:

9 "(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt deer with dogs on any tract of real property  
10 unless a permit for hunting deer with dogs has been issued by the department for such tract  
11 to the owner or owners of such tract or the lessee of deer hunting rights for such tract. A  
12 permit for hunting deer with dogs shall not be issued for any tract of real property that is  
13 less than 1,000 contiguous acres. Any application for a permit for hunting deer with dogs  
14 shall be on such form as prescribed by the department; shall be accompanied by the  
15 required application fee; and shall include a written description of the tract boundaries and  
16 a map showing key features such as public roads or streams on or bordering the tract and  
17 occupied dwellings on adjacent properties. The application must be signed by all persons  
18 owning any portion of the tract of real property or an authorized agent thereof. The  
19 application fee for such permit shall be \$200.00 for an annual permit or \$50.00 for a  
20 one-day permit.

21 (d) The owner of any dog that is used for hunting deer must cause such dog to be identified  
22 at all times during the hunt with the permit number for the tract being hunted.

23 (e) Any person operating a motor vehicle used in conducting a deer hunt with dogs shall  
24 during such hunt clearly display in the lower corner of the driver's side of the front or rear  
25 windshield of such motor vehicle a decal or card with white background showing the tract  
26 permit number in numerals not less than two inches high.

1 (f) The department shall thoroughly investigate for validity any complaints from adjacent  
2 property owners regarding hunting deer with dogs in violation of this title or rules and  
3 regulations issued pursuant to this title. The commissioner may take action against a  
4 permit as provided by Code Section 27-2-25 for violations of the provisions of this title or  
5 rules and regulations issued pursuant to this title occurring on the tract of real property for  
6 which the permit was issued.

7 (g) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt deer with dogs on any Sunday."

8 **SECTION 2.**

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