

House Bill 1102

By: Representative Sims of the 130th

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 provide that future rules and regulations on such subject
3 shall not remove or substantially reduce the open season currently in effect for any county
4 or portion of a county; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 27-3-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting deer
9 with dogs, is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting in their place new
10 subsections to read as follows:

11 "(a) It shall be unlawful to hunt deer with dogs except during such special open seasons
12 for the hunting of deer with dogs as ~~may~~ shall be designated by the board on a state-wide,
13 regional, or local basis.

14 (b) In accordance with subsection (a) of this Code section, the board ~~is authorized to~~ shall
15 promulgate rules and regulations establishing an open season or open seasons for the
16 hunting of deer with dogs as may be appropriate based on sound wildlife management
17 principles. Any such rules and regulations adopted after January 1, 2004, shall continue
18 to provide an open season for any county or portion of a county for which the rules and
19 regulations in effect on January 1, 2004, provided an open season; and any such rules and
20 regulations adopted after January 1, 2004, shall not for any such county or portion of a
21 county substantially reduce the length of the season provided for that county or portion of
22 a county under the rules and regulations in effect on January 1, 2004."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
25 without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.