

House Bill 1558

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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, seasons, and permit requirements, so as to change certain provisions  
3 relating to permit requirements, types, applications, and fees; to provide for the effective date  
4 of certain administrative action against any permit; to provide that administrative action  
5 against a permit shall not be stayed by an appeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 27-3-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting deer  
10 with dogs, seasons, and permit requirements, is amended by striking subsections (c) through  
11 (f) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(c)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt deer with dogs on any tract of real  
13 property unless a permit for hunting deer with dogs has been issued by the department  
14 for such tract to the owner or owners of such tract or the lessee of deer hunting rights for  
15 such tract.

16 (2) An annual permit A permit for hunting deer with dogs shall not be issued for any  
17 tract of real property that is less than 1,000 contiguous acres.

18 (3) A two-day permit may be issued to any landowner for hunting deer with dogs on his  
19 or her own property if the hunting rights for such tract have not been leased to any other  
20 person and such tract consists of at least 320 contiguous acres. No more than four  
21 two-day permits shall be issued for such tract during any one hunting season. For  
22 purposes of this paragraph, a contiguous tract of real property that is under a single  
23 ownership shall be permitted only under a single permit, and such a tract shall not be  
24 subdivided for the purpose of obtaining multiple permits for hunting deer with dogs.

25 (4) For purposes of this subsection, the contiguous nature of any tract of real property  
26 shall not be defeated by the presence of any river, stream, or public road.

