

ADOPTED

1 Senator Williams of the 19th offered the following amendment:

2 Amend the Senate Natural Resources & Environment Committee substitute to HB 1095 (LC
3 25 3592S) by striking lines 3 and 4 of page 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 "hunting deer with dogs; to change".

5 By striking Sections 1 and 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 **"SECTION 1.**

7 Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, is amended by
8 striking Code Section 27-3-17, relating to hunting deer with dogs, and inserting in lieu
9 thereof the following:

10 '27-3-17.

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

14 (b) In accordance with subsection (a) of this Code section, the board is authorized to
15 promulgate rules and regulations establishing an open season for the hunting of deer with
16 dogs as may be appropriate based on sound wildlife management principles.

17 (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt deer with dogs on any tract of real property
18 unless a permit for hunting deer with dogs has been issued by the department for such tract
19 to the owner or owners of such tract or the lessee of deer hunting rights for such tract. A
20 permit for hunting deer with dogs shall not be issued to the owner or owners for any tract
21 of real property that is less than 320 contiguous acres. A permit for hunting deer with dogs
22 shall not be issued to a lessee of deer hunting rights for any tract of real property that is less
23 than 1,000 contiguous acres. Any application for a permit for hunting deer with dogs shall
24 be on such form as prescribed by the department; ~~shall be accompanied by the required~~
25 ~~application fee;~~ and shall include a written description of the tract boundaries and a map
26 showing key features such as public roads or streams on or bordering the tract and occupied
27 dwellings on adjacent properties. The application must be signed by all persons owning any
28 portion of the tract of real property or an authorized agent thereof. ~~The application fee for~~
29 ~~such permit shall be \$100.00 for an annual permit or \$25.00 for a two-day permit.~~

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

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

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

11 By redesignating Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 as Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively.