

House Bill 503

By: Representatives Smith of the 168th, Mosley of the 178th, Williams of the 165th, and Sims of the 169th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the continued hunting of deer with dogs in certain counties unless otherwise
2 prohibited by local Acts of the General Assembly; to amend Code Section 27-3-17 of the
3 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting deer with dogs, so as to change
4 certain provisions relating to rules and regulations establishing open seasons for hunting deer
5 with dogs; to repeal 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 subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
10 "(b) In accordance with subsection (a) of this Code section, the board is authorized to
11 promulgate rules and regulations establishing an open season for the hunting of deer with
12 dogs as may be appropriate based on sound wildlife management principles; provided,
13 however, that the board shall continue to establish annually an open season for the hunting
14 of deer with dogs in each county in which the hunting of deer with dogs was authorized for
15 the 2004-2005 hunting season unless the hunting of deer with dogs in such county is
16 prohibited by local Act of the General Assembly."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.