

## House Bill 292 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Reece of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Hembree of the 67<sup>th</sup>, Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-3-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 season and bag limits, promulgation of rules and regulations by the board, possession of  
3 more than bag limit, and reporting number of deer killed, so as to change certain provisions  
4 relating to closed seasons for deer; to change certain provisions relating to open seasons, bag  
5 limits, and antler restrictions for deer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 27-3-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to season and bag  
9 limits, promulgation of rules and regulations by the board, possession of more than bag limit,  
10 and reporting number of deer killed, is amended by striking paragraph (4) of subsection (a)  
11 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12	"(4) Deer	Jan. 16 — Sept. 7; <u>except that the</u>
13		<u>closed season may be Feb. 1 - Sept.</u>
14		<u>7 in those counties specified as</u>
15		<u>having an extended archery-only</u>
16		<u>open season in paragraph (4) of</u>
17		<u>subsection (b) of this Code section"</u>

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said Code section is further amended by striking paragraph (4) of subsection (b) and  
20 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1           "(4) Deer           Sept. 8 — Jan. 15; except that there may  
2                           be also an extended archery-only open  
3                           season Jan. 1– Jan. 31 in the counties of  
4                           Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Forsyth, Fulton,  
5                           Gwinnett, and Rockdale due to the extra  
6                           need for herd reduction in that urban and  
7                           suburban area of the state  
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The daily limit shall be ten antlerless deer and two antlered bucks. The season limit shall be ten antlerless deer and two antlered bucks. Only one antlered buck may have less than four points one inch or longer on one side of the antlers.  
Up to two deer per managed hunt may be allowed on wildlife management areas without complying with the state-wide bag limit"

17   **SECTION 3.**

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