

House Bill 1424

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 wildlife generally, so as to change certain provisions relating to hunting with dogs generally;  
3 to change certain provisions relating to killing of dogs running deer; to repeal conflicting  
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wildlife  
8 generally, is amended in Code Section 27-3-16, relating to hunting with dogs generally, by  
9 adding a new subsection to read as follows:

10 "(f) The mere roaming or escape of or pursuit or trailing of game by any dog used for  
11 hunting onto a tract of real property for which the hunter does not have permission to hunt  
12 shall not constitute a violation of any provision of this title, any rule or regulation adopted  
13 pursuant to this title, or any condition of any permit issued under this title by the hunter or  
14 organization of which such hunter is a member; provided, however, that no hunter shall  
15 enter upon such other tract to retrieve or pursue such dog without first obtaining the  
16 permission of the owner or lessee of such tract. Nothing in this subsection shall affect the  
17 applicability, if any, of Code Section 27-3-1 or any provision of Article 2 of Chapter 7 of  
18 Title 16 to any person."

19 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

20 Said chapter is further amended by striking Code Section 27-3-49, relating to killing of dogs  
21 running deer, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

22 "27-3-49.

23 ~~(a) It shall be the duty of every conservation ranger to kill any dog pursuing or killing any~~  
24 ~~deer in any locality other than that prescribed by law or rules and regulations permitting~~

1 ~~such hunting, and no action for damages shall be maintained against the person for such~~  
2 ~~killing.~~

3 ~~(b)(a) It shall be unlawful for any person other than a conservation ranger, sheriff, or~~  
4 ~~deputy sheriff to kill a dog wearing a collar, which dog is or has been pursuing or killing~~  
5 ~~a deer game.~~

6 ~~(c)(b) It shall not be unlawful for any person to kill a dog which does not have a collar and~~  
7 ~~which is pursuing or killing deer game in any locality other than that prescribed by law or~~  
8 ~~rules and regulations permitting such hunting, and no action for damages shall be~~  
9 ~~maintained against the person for such killing.~~

10 ~~(c) This Code section shall not affect the applicability, if any, of Code Section 4-8-4 or~~  
11 ~~4-8-5."~~

12 **SECTION 3.**

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