

House Bill 927

By: Representative Williams of the 178th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding dogs, so as to provide for a misdemeanor for
3 removing certain collars from dogs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
7 general provisions regarding dogs, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
8 follows:

9 "4-8-8.

10 (a) For the purposes of this article, the term 'collar' means any electronic or radio
11 transmitting collar that has the purpose of tracking the location of a dog.

12 (b) Any person removing a collar from a dog without permission from the dog's owner
13 and with the intent to prevent or hinder the owner from locating such dog shall be guilty
14 of a misdemeanor and, in the case of such dog being lost or killed as a result of the
15 violator's removal of such collar, shall be required to pay the dog's owner restitution in the
16 amount of the actual value of the dog."

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

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.