

The Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee offered the following substitute to HB 239:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, so
2 as to change certain provisions relating to rules and regulations of the Board of Natural
3 Resources used to establish game and fish criminal violations; to change certain provisions
4 relating to wild animals for which licenses or permits are required; to provide an effective
5 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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8 Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, is amended by
9 revising Code Section 27-1-39, relating to rules and regulations of the Board of Natural
10 Resources used to establish game and fish criminal violations, as follows:

11 "27-1-39.

12 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for purposes of establishing criminal
13 violations of the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Natural Resources as
14 provided in this title, the ~~terms~~ term 'rules and regulations' shall mean those rules and
15 regulations of the Board of Natural Resources in force and effect on ~~January 1, 2006~~
16 January 1, 2008."

SECTION 2.

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18 Said title is further amended by revising subparagraphs (a)(1)(A) and (b)(1)(A) and the
19 language introductory thereto in Code Section 27-5-5, relating to wild animals for which
20 licenses or permits are required, as follows:

21 "(a) The following animals are considered to be inherently dangerous to human beings and
22 are subject to the license or permit and insurance requirements provided for in
23 subsection (f) of Code Section 27-5-4:

24 (1) Class Mammalia:

1 (A) Order Marsupialia: ~~Family Macropodidae: Genus Macropus (Kangaroos,~~
 2 wallabies, wallaroos) — All species;”

3 “(b) Except as provided in this Code section, a license or permit is required for the
 4 following wild animals and any others specified by regulation of the board:

5 (1) Class Mammalia:

6 (A) Order Marsupialia (~~opossum, wallabies, etc.~~) — All species other than those listed
 7 in subparagraph (a)(1)(A) of this Code section; except that Petaurus breviceps (sugar
 8 glider) may be sold, purchased, exhibited, or held as a pet without a license or permit
 9 if the owner thereof possesses valid documentation that the animal originated from a
 10 source inspected and regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture;”

11 SECTION 3.

12 Said title is further amended by revising subparagraph (b)(1)(Q) of Code Section 27-5-5,
 13 relating to wild animals for which licenses or permits are required, as follows:

14 “(Q) Order Artiodactyla (even-toed ungulates) - All species except Bison bison
 15 (buffalo), Bubalus bubalis (water buffalo), and Llama guanicoe, L. glama, and L. pacos
 16 (llamas);”

17 SECTION 4.

18 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
 19 without such approval.

20 SECTION 5.

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