

House Bill 692

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Benfield of the 85th, and Dobbs of the 53rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 11 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to miscellaneous provisions regarding the uniform rules of the road, so as to require
3 securing or containing of live animals on or in motor vehicles operated on paved public
4 roads; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Article 11 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 miscellaneous provisions regarding the uniform rules of the road, is amended by adding a
9 new Code section as follows:

10 "40-6-254.1.

11 (a) No person driving a motor vehicle shall transport any animal in the back of the vehicle
12 in a space intended for any load on the vehicle on a paved public road unless the space is
13 enclosed or has side and tail racks to a height of at least 46 inches extending vertically from
14 the floor, the vehicle has installed means of preventing the animal from being discharged,
15 or the animal is cross-tethered to the vehicle or secured by a harness that encircles the
16 shoulders and rib cage, or is protected by a secured container which will prevent the animal
17 from being thrown, falling, or jumping from the vehicle.

18 (b) This Code section shall not apply to:

19 (1) The transportation of livestock;

20 (2) The transportation of a dog whose owner either owns or is employed by a ranching
21 or farming operation who is traveling on a road in a rural area or who is traveling to and
22 from a livestock auction; and

23 (3) The transportation of a dog for purposes associated with ranching or farming.

24 (c) Any person who operates a vehicle in violation of this Code section shall be guilty of
25 a misdemeanor."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.