

Senate Bill 309

By: Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Bulloch of the 11th, Heath of the 31st, Shafer of the 48th, Staton of the 18th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to hunting, trapping, or fishing licenses, permits, and stamps generally, so as to
3 authorize issuance of special hunting privileges to persons with a terminal illness; to provide
4 a short title; to provide a definition; 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 This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Taylor's Law."

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

9 Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 hunting, trapping, or fishing licenses, permits, and stamps generally, is amended by adding
11 a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "27-2-4.3.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'terminal illness' means an incurable or
14 irreversible condition with a corresponding life expectancy that does not exceed 12 months.

15 (b) The commissioner is authorized to issue special authorization to hunt big game or
16 alligators to any person not older than 21 years of age who has been diagnosed with a
17 terminal illness by a licensed doctor of medicine. Such special authorization may include
18 waiving legal weapons requirements, antler restrictions, quota limitations, or hunter
19 education requirements as necessary to facilitate special situations for persons with a
20 terminal illness. The commissioner may impose any terms and conditions deemed
21 necessary to implement the special authorization. Such authorization shall be for only one
22 hunting season.

23 (c) The commissioner may prepare an application to be used by persons requesting special
24 authorization and may require signed documentation from a licensed doctor of medicine
25 verifying that an applicant has a terminal illness.

26 (d) A person who receives special authorization to hunt under this Code section shall
27 conduct all hunting under the direct supervision of a licensed adult hunter and abide by the
28 terms and conditions of the special authorization issued by the commissioner."

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SECTION 3.

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.