

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

AS PASSED SENATE

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 **SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Taylor's Law."

8 **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 doctor of medicine currently licensed to practice either by the Georgia
18 Composite Medical Board or the State Board of Examiners in Osteopathy. Such special
19 authorization may include waiving legal weapons requirements, antler restrictions, quota
20 limitations, or hunter education requirements as necessary to facilitate special situations for
21 persons with a terminal illness. The commissioner may impose any terms and conditions
22 deemed necessary to implement the special authorization. Such authorization shall be for
23 only one hunting season.

24 (c) The commissioner may prepare an application to be used by persons requesting special
25 authorization and may require signed documentation from a doctor of medicine currently

26 licensed to practice either by the Georgia Composite Medical Board or the State Board of
27 Examiners in Osteopathy verifying that an applicant has a terminal illness.
28 (d) A person who receives special authorization to hunt under this Code section shall
29 conduct all hunting under the direct supervision of a licensed adult hunter and abide by the
30 terms and conditions of the special authorization issued by the commissioner."

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.