

House Bill 423

By: Representatives Allison of the 8th, Jasperse of the 11th, Dutton of the 157th, Shaw of the 176th, Powell of the 32nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-2-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to field
2 and retriever trials, permits, and hunting licenses, so as to provide that live raccoons may be
3 used in sanctioned organization field trial competitions under certain circumstances; to
4 provide for related matters; 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 Code Section 27-2-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to field and
8 retriever trials, permits, and hunting licenses, is amended by adding a new subsection to read
9 as follows:

10 "(e)(1) For the purposes of this subsection, the term 'sanctioned organization' means the
11 American Kennel Club, the United Kennel Club, or similar organization that is
12 recognized for field trials.

13 (2) Live raccoons may be used in field trial competitions of sanctioned organizations,
14 provided that:

15 (A) The raccoon is kept in a suitable cage or enclosure that will prevent physical harm
16 to the raccoon;

17 (B) The raccoon is trapped not more than seven days prior to the event and is released
18 back into the area where it was trapped within 48 hours of the conclusion of the
19 sanctioned event; and

20 (C) The trapping and releasing of the raccoon is done with the permission of the
21 landowner or lease holder of the land where the raccoon is to be trapped and released.

22 (3) All participants in the field trial competition shall obtain a valid resident or
23 nonresident hunting license."

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

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.