

The House Committee on Governmental Affairs offers the following substitute to SB 184:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to dogs, so as to provide that any domestic dog that is
3 registered with the American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club as a sporting breed group
4 dog, hound breed group dog, or nonsporting breed group dog or that is of a breed used in the
5 lawful pursuit of hunting in this state pursuant to Title 27, that is used during an established
6 hunting season to aid an individual to pursue or hunt wildlife, and whose owner or other
7 member of the household has a hunting permit from the Department of Natural Resources
8 shall be classified as a hunting dog, and the owner of any such dog shall receive the same
9 registration, licensing, or permitting fee from any local government as is available to owners
10 of dogs which have been spayed or neutered; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related
11 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

14 Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
15 general provisions relative to dogs, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
16 follows:

17 "4-8-1.2.

18 Any domestic dog that is registered with the American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club
19 as a sporting breed group dog, hound breed group dog, or nonsporting breed group dog or
20 that is of a breed used in the lawful pursuit of hunting in this state pursuant to Title 27, that
21 is used during an established hunting season to aid an individual to pursue or hunt wildlife,
22 and whose owner or other member of the household has a hunting permit from the
23 Department of Natural Resources shall be classified as a hunting dog, and the owner of any
24 such dog shall receive the same registration, licensing, or permitting fee from any local
25 government as is available to owners of dogs which have been spayed or neutered.
26 Nothing in this Code section shall affect the ability of local governments to deal with
27 vicious dogs, abandoned dogs, or stray dogs."

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SECTION 2.

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.