

House Bill 609

By: Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Moore of the 95th, Wilensky of the 79th, Jones of the 25th, and Scoggins of the 14th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to animal protection generally, so as to prohibit the marketing of certain domestic
3 animals at certain locations; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 animal protection generally, is amended by adding a new paragraph to Code Section 4-11-2,
9 relating to definitions, to read as follows:

10 "(1.2) 'Animal rescue organization' means any nonprofit organization whose primary
11 mission is the rescue of animals and the placement of those animals in permanent homes
12 and which nonprofit organization does not obtain dogs, cats, or other animals from
13 breeders or brokers for payment or compensation."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

16 "4-11-10.1.

17 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, exchange, trade, barter, lease, or display for
18 a commercial purpose any dog, cat, or domestic rabbit on or in any roadside, public
19 right-of-way, parkway, median, park, other recreation area, flea market or other outdoor
20 market, or commercial or retail parking lot, regardless of whether access to such location
21 is authorized.

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

23 (1) The display or adoption of dogs, cats, or domestic rabbits by an animal shelter or
24 animal rescue organization; or

25 (2) The display of dogs, cats, or domestic rabbits as part of a state or county fair or
26 exhibition, 4-H program, or similar exhibition or educational program."

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.