

The Senate Committee on Judiciary offered the following substitute to HB 689:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to food service establishments, so as to authorize food service establishments to
3 serve patrons' pet dogs within designated outdoor areas of the establishment; to provide for
4 rules and regulations to protect public health; to provide that the Department of Public Health
5 has sole authority and responsibility for implementation; to provide for related matters; to
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 food service establishments, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "26-2-379.

12 (a) A food service establishment that authorizes pet dogs in outside dining areas of such
13 food service establishment and specifically offers a special dog menu for its patrons to
14 order food for such pet dogs may offer and serve food for such pet dogs and shall not be
15 considered in violation of rules of the Department of Public Health prohibiting employees
16 and consumers from providing food to pet dogs, so long as the food service establishment

17 complies with rules and regulations established by such department pursuant to
18 subsection (b) of this Code section.

19 (b) The Department of Public Health shall establish rules and regulations to protect the
20 public health, including, but not limited to, any protocols to be followed by the food service
21 establishment and its staff, any requirements of patrons regarding the patrons' pet dogs, any
22 requirements to maintain appropriate general liability insurance, and any notice
23 requirements to the public, patrons, or staff. Such rules and regulations shall specifically
24 address the use of separate utensils, cooking instruments, serving dishes, and tableware for
25 food prepared and served to patrons and to their pet dogs.

26 (c) The Department of Public Health shall have sole authority and responsibility to
27 implement the provisions of this Code section."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.