

Senate Bill 586

By: Senators Williams of the 25th and Robertson of the 29th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-11-107 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 interfering with, harming of, or aggravated harming of a public safety animal or search and
3 rescue animal, so as to provide for commendations of public safety animals and search and
4 rescue animals that are injured or killed in the line of duty; to provide for related matters; to
5 provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "K-9 Law Enforcement Heroes Act of
9 2026."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Code Section 16-11-107 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interfering
12 with, harming of, or aggravated harming of a public safety animal or search and rescue
13 animal, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

14 "(h) The commissioner of public safety shall be authorized to issue commendations for
15 heroism to any public safety animal or search and rescue animal that is injured or killed in
16 the line of duty."

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.