Senate Bill 184

By: Senators Black of the 8th, Burke of the 11th, Tolleson of the 20th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and Heath of the 31st

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

"4-8-1.2.

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

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.