



GEORGIA CANINE COALITION, INC.
END OF SESSION REVIEW
FIRST TERM, 2015

Below is the report of the end of the First Term of the Two-Year Session (2015-2106). The GCC is pleased to share with you that SB 184 is "our" bill. The intent of this bill is to prevent ordinances and laws being passed in Georgia that would be based on a particular breed. For a bill such as this to pass one side of the General Assembly the first year it is introduced is a major accomplishment. The bill was heard late in the Session on the House side in the Government Affairs Committee, and was tabled. The bill will come back up in 2016, and the GCC will be working to get it out of committee and through the House.

SENATE BILLS

SB 184 Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee
Amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to provide that breed-specific regulation shall be limited to enactment by general law. Passed the Senate 41-11. Tabled in House Government Affairs.

SB 173 Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee
Amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to create provisions relating to the payment of expenses while an animal is impounded. Failed to move out of committee.

HOUSE BILLS

HB 124 Government Affairs Committee
Amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to prohibit counties and municipal corporations from regulating dogs based solely on breed. Hearing, no vote, still in committee.

HB 290 Motors Committee
Amend Article 11 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to require the securing or containing of live animals in the back of motor vehicles operated on certain roads. In committee.

HB561 Government Affairs
Amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state symbols, so as to designate the adoptable dog as the official state dog.

HR 906 Government Affairs Committee
A resolution urging the State of Georgia to consider the devastation caused by pit bull attacks when crafting legislation regulating dogs so as not to impose on local governments that choose to regulate those dogs for the safety of the community; and for other purposes. In Committee.