

Senators Harper of the 7th, Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th and Payne of the 54th offered the following amendment:

Amend the committee substitute to HB 253 (LC 41 1178S) by striking line 5 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

reproductive sterilization support program which are to be dedicated to such program; to amend Code Section 4-11-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to effect of article on local ordinances, so as to preempt adoption and enforcement of certain ordinances pertaining to the retail sale of dogs and cats or adoption of rescue animals; to

By inserting between lines 534 and 535 the following:

Code Section 4-11-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to effect of article on local ordinances, is amended as follows:

"4-11-18.

This article shall be cumulative and shall not prohibit the enactment and enforcement of local ordinances by a municipal or county governing authority on this subject which are not in conflict with this article or which pertain to zoning or animal control; provided, however, that a municipal or county governing authority shall be required to provide timely written notice to the department of any enforcement action taken pursuant to such an ordinance against an operator licensed under this article who is alleged to be in violation of such local ordinance. The department shall be notified of the initiation of any such local enforcement action and of the final conclusions or ultimate outcome of any such action.

No municipal or county governing authority shall adopt or enforce any ordinance, rule, regulation, or resolution that prohibits the sale of a dog or cat from a pet dealer or the offering for adoption or transfer of a rescue animal by any entity licensed to do so pursuant to Code Section 4-11-3 and in compliance with this article. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit the powers of a local governing authority established in Code Section 4-11-15."

SECTION 4.