

House Bill 448

By: Representatives Kirby of the 114th, Jackson of the 128th, and Dickey of the 140th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-3-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 unlawful enticement of game, so as to redefine the zones of this state in which game may be
3 enticed; to amend Code Section 27-3-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating
4 to wildlife hunting seasons and bag limits, so as to extend the deer season for Glascock
5 County; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 27-3-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the unlawful
9 enticement of game, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

11 (1) 'Northern zone' means the ~~northern zone for hunting deer with firearms as established~~
12 ~~pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 27-3-15:~~ following counties and all counties
13 north of such counties: Troup, Meriwether, Upson, Monroe, Bibb, Jones, Baldwin,
14 Hancock, Warren, McDuffie, and Richmond counties.

15 (2) 'Southern zone' means the ~~southern zone for hunting deer with firearms as established~~
16 ~~pursuant to subsection (c) of Code Section 27-3-15:~~ following counties and all counties
17 south of such counties: Harris, Talbot, Taylor, Crawford, Peach, Houston, Twiggs,
18 Wilkinson, Washington, Glascock, Jefferson, and Burke counties."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 Code Section 27-3-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wildlife hunting
21 seasons and bag limits, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

22 "(b) It shall be unlawful to hunt the following game species at any time during the period
23 set forth below, except that it shall not be unlawful to hunt the following game species
24 during such periods or portions thereof, and in such number not to exceed the following

25 numbers, as may be designated by the board as open seasons and bag limits for such
 26 species:

27	<u>Game Species</u>	<u>Maximum Open Season</u>	<u>Maximum Bag Limits</u>	
			<u>Daily</u>	<u>Season</u>
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29	(1) Quail	Nov. 1 — March 15	12	No limit
30	(2) Grouse	Oct. 15 — Feb. 29	3	No limit
31	(3) Turkey	March 15 — May 21	3	3
32	gobblers			
33	(4) Deer	Sept. 8 — Jan. 15; except that there may	The daily limit shall be ten antlerless deer and two antlered bucks. The season limit shall be ten antlerless deer and two antlered bucks. Only one antlered buck may have less than four points one inch or longer on one side of the antlers. Up to two deer per managed hunt may be allowed on wildlife management areas without complying with the state-wide bag limit	
34		be also an extended archery-only open		
35		season Jan. 1– Jan. 31 in the counties of		
36		Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Forsyth, Fulton,		
37		<u>Glascok</u> , Gwinnett, and Rockdale due to		
38		the extra need for herd reduction in that		
39		urban and suburban area of the state		
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52	(5) Bobcat	Oct. 15 — Feb. 29	No limit	No limit
53	(6) Opossum	(A) Oct. 15 — Feb. 29, for that area	No limit	No limit
54		north of and including Haralson,		
55		Paulding, Bartow, Cherokee, Forsyth,		
56		Hall, Banks, Franklin, and Hart counties;		
57		and		
58		(B) Jan. 1 — Dec. 31 for the	No limit	No limit
59		remainder of the state		
60	(7) Rabbit	Nov. 1 — Feb. 29	12	No limit

61	(8) Raccoon	(A) Oct. 15 — Feb. 29, for that area	No limit	No limit
62		north of and including Carroll, Fulton,		
63		Gwinnett, Barrow, Clarke, Oglethorpe,		
64		Taliaferro, Wilkes, and Lincoln counties;		
65		and		
66		(B) Jan. 1 — Dec. 31 for the	No limit	No limit
67		remainder of the state		
68	(9) Squirrel	Aug. 15 — Feb. 29	12	No limit
69	(10) Fox	Jan. 1 — Dec. 31	No limit	No limit
70	(11) Migratory	Sept. 1 — March 10	Subject to limits set	
71	game		by the federal	
72	birds		government and	
73			adopted by the board	
74	(12) Bear	Sept. 8 — Jan. 15	2	2
75	(13) Alligators	April 1 — Oct. 31	Subject to limits	
76			adopted by the board"	

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SECTION 3.

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