

Senate Bill 184

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AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to dogs, so as to provide that breed-specific regulation
3 shall be limited to enactment by general law; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions relative to dogs, is amended by revising Code Section 4-8-1, relating to
9 minimum standards for control of dogs, as follows:

10 "4-8-1.

11 (a) It is the intention of this chapter to establish as state law minimum standards for the
12 control and regulation of dogs and to establish state crimes for violations of such minimum
13 standards. However, this chapter shall not prohibit local governments from adopting and
14 enforcing ordinances or resolutions which provide for more restrictive control and
15 regulation of ~~dogs~~ dog behavior than the minimum standards provided for in this chapter.

16 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, the regulation
17 of domestic dogs which classifies based on breed shall be provided for only by general
18 law."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.