

Senate Bill 69

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding animal protection, so as to prohibit persons convicted
3 of cruelty to animals after July 1, 2019, from obtaining pet animals; to provide for related
4 matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions regarding animal protection, is amended by adding a new Code section
10 to read as follows:

11 "4-11-15.2.

12 It shall be unlawful for any person convicted, after July 1, 2019, of violating Code Section
13 16-12-4 to become the owner of any dog, cat, bird, fish, reptile, or other animal customarily
14 obtained as a pet in this state."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2019, and shall apply to offenses which occur on
17 or after such date. Any offense occurring before July 1, 2019, shall be governed by the law
18 in effect at the time of such offense.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.