

Senate Bill 175

By: Senators Black of the 8th, Wilkinson of the 50th and Ginn of the 47th

AS PASSED

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 relative to animal protection, so as to require inspection of
3 certain animals entering into the state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions relative to animal protection, is amended by revising Code Section
9 4-11-11, relating to inspection requirements for animals shipped into the state, as follows:

10 "4-11-11.

11 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to ship or import any animal, other than equines,
12 poultry, livestock, or birds, cold-blooded animals, and rodents, into this state for the
13 purpose of resale unless such animal is accompanied by a U.S. interstate or international
14 certificate of health an official interstate or international certificate of veterinary inspection.

15 (b) In addition to the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section, it shall be unlawful
16 to ship or import into this state any other type of animal which the commissioner has
17 determined poses a significant risk of disease to domestic animals or humans within this
18 state unless such animal is accompanied by such certificate. The commissioner shall
19 maintain on the department website a listing of all other types of animals determined to
20 pose a significant risk of disease in accordance with this subsection.

21 (c) No such certificate shall be required for poultry originating from flocks participating
22 in the National Poultry Improvement Plan administered by the United States Department
23 of Agriculture."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.