

1 SB231
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3 By Senator Whatley
4 RFD: Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a county or municipality
9 may require that a dog be kept on a leash or
10 otherwise restrained.

11 This bill would exempt agricultural work
12 dogs, as defined in the bill, from local leash and
13 restraint laws, except in wildlife management
14 areas.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to dogs; to exempt agricultural work dogs
21 from state or local leash and restraint laws; and to provide
22 an exception for wildlife management areas.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section,
25 "agricultural work dog" means any dog that is trained to herd
26 or protect livestock or to otherwise assist in agricultural
27 work and is actually or has been used for such purposes.

1 (b) A local law requiring a dog to be kept on a
2 leash or otherwise restrained does not apply to an
3 agricultural work dog.

4 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
5 first day of the third month following its passage and
6 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.