

1 SB102
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3 By Senator Whatley
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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 and hunting dogs when hunting wild game from state or local
22 leash and restraint laws.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
25 following terms shall have the following meanings:

26 (1) AGRICULTURAL WORK DOG. Any dog that is trained
27 to herd or protect livestock or to otherwise assist in

1 agricultural work and is actually or has been used for such
2 purposes.

3 (2) HUNTING DOG. Any dog trained to hunt wild game
4 with a handler.

5 (b) A local law requiring a dog to be kept on a
6 leash or otherwise restrained does not apply to an
7 agricultural work dog at any time while the dog is engaged in
8 agricultural work or a hunting dog at any time while the dog
9 is engaged in hunting wild game.

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