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3 By Senator Whatley
4 RFD: Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry
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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to dogs; to exempt agricultural work dogs
12 from state or local leash and restraint laws; and to provide
13 an exception for wildlife management areas.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

17 (1) AGRICULTURAL WORK DOG. Any dog that is trained
18 to herd or protect livestock or to otherwise assist in
19 agricultural work and is actually or has been used for such
20 purposes.

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

23 (b) A local law requiring a dog to be kept on a
24 leash or otherwise restrained does not apply to an
25 agricultural work dog at any time while the dog is engaged in
26 agricultural work or a hunting dog.

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

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Yeas 28
Nays 3

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.