

1 SB173  
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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, 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.

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