

House Bill 614 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 25-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 prohibited fireworks activities and application of noise ordinances, so as to authorize local  
3 governments to prohibit the use or ignition of consumer fireworks in proximity to certain  
4 facilities housing equines; to provide for special event permits; to provide for definitions; to  
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 25-10-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited  
9 fireworks activities and application of noise ordinances, is amended by adding a new  
10 subsection to read as follows:

11 "(d)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'equine' shall have the same meaning as set  
12 forth in Code Section 2-8-121.

13 (2) The governing authority of a county or municipal corporation may adopt an  
14 ordinance prohibiting the use or ignition of consumer fireworks up to 200 yards from a  
15 facility housing equines in a confined area.

16 (3) An ordinance adopted by the governing authority of a county or municipal  
17 corporation pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection may include provisions  
18 authorizing the issuance by such governing authority of special event permits to allow the  
19 temporary use or ignition of consumer fireworks up to 200 yards from a facility housing  
20 equines in a confined area."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.