

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 466
HOUSE BILL 407

AN ACT TO PROTECT BABY ANIMALS SOLD AS PETS BY REQUIRING THAT THEY
BE AT LEAST EIGHT WEEKS OF AGE BEFORE SALE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 47 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new section to read as follows:

"§ 14-363.1. Living baby chicks or other fowl, or rabbits under eight weeks of age; disposing of as pets or novelties forbidden. — If any person, firm or corporation shall sell, or offer for sale, barter or give away as premiums living baby chicks, ducklings, or other fowl or rabbits under eight weeks of age as pets or novelties, such person, firm or corporation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both. Provided, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the sale of non-domesticated species of chicks, ducklings, or other fowl, or of other fowl from proper brooder facilities by hatcheries or stores engaged in the business of selling them for purposes other than for pets or novelties."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1973.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of May, 1973.