

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 407
HOUSE BILL 431

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND CITIES TO REGULATE THE POSSESSION
OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 153A-131 is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 153A-131. **Possession or harboring of dangerous animals.** — A county may by ordinance regulate, restrict, or prohibit the possession or harboring of animals which are dangerous to persons or property. No such ordinance shall have the effect of permitting any activity or condition with respect to a wild animal which is prohibited or more severely restricted by regulations of the Wildlife Resources Commission."

Sec. 2. G.S. 160A-187 is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 160A-187. **Possession or harboring of dangerous animals.** — A city may by ordinance regulate, restrict, or prohibit the possession or harboring within the city of animals which are dangerous to persons or property. No such ordinance shall have the effect of permitting any activity or condition with respect to a wild animal which is prohibited or more severely restricted by regulations of the Wildlife Resources Commission."

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 19th day of May,
1977.