

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 646  
HOUSE BILL 918

AN ACT TO MAKE INJURING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMALS A  
GENERAL MISDEMEANOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A new section is added to the General Statutes to read:

**"§ 14-163.1. Injuring or killing law enforcement agency animal.** – Any person who knows or has reason to know that an animal is used for law enforcement purposes such as investigation, detection of narcotics or explosives, or crowd control, by any law enforcement agency and who willfully and not in self defense, causes serious injury to or kills that animal is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1983.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 30th day of June, 1983.