

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 495

Short Title: Injury to Law Enforcement Animal.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Gamble, Clary, Dickson, Hunt, Kiser, Rayfield, Weatherly; and Berry.

Referred to: Local and Regional Government II.

March 20, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO MAKE IT A FELONY IN LINCOLN AND GASTON COUNTIES TO
3 INJURE OR KILL A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL, TO CREATE A
4 NEW OFFENSE FOR ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM UPON A LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL, AND TO CREATE A NEW OFFENSE
6 FOR SIMPLE ASSAULT OR SIMPLE ASSAULT AND BATTERY UPON A LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 Section 1. G.S. 14-163.1 reads as rewritten:

10 "**§ 14-163.1. Injuring or killing law-enforcement agency animal.**

11 Any person who knows or has reason to know that an animal is used for law-
12 enforcement purposes such as investigation, detection of narcotics or explosives, or
13 crowd control, by any law-enforcement agency and who willfully and not in self defense,
14 causes serious injury to or kills that animal is guilty of a Class ~~1 misdemeanor~~ I felony."

15 Sec. 2. Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section
16 to read:

17 "**§ 14-163.2. Assault with a firearm upon law enforcement agency animal.**

18 Any person who knows or has reason to know that an animal is used for law
19 enforcement purposes such as investigation, detection of narcotics or explosives, or

1 crowd control, by any law enforcement agency and who willfully and not in self-defense,
2 commits an assault with a firearm or other deadly weapon upon that animal or poisons
3 the animal is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor."

4 Sec. 3. Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 **"§ 14-163.3. Simple assault or simple assault and battery upon law enforcement**
7 **agency animal.**

8 Any person who knows or has reason to know that an animal is used for law
9 enforcement purposes such as investigation, detection of narcotics or explosives, or
10 crowd control, by any law enforcement agency and who willfully and not in self-defense,
11 commits a simple assault or a simple assault and battery upon that animal is guilty of a
12 Class 1 misdemeanor."

13 Sec. 4. This act applies only to Lincoln and Gaston Counties.

14 Sec. 5. This act becomes effective December 1, 1995, and applies to offenses
15 committed on and after that date.