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H 6. DAVIE'S LAW/HUMANE EUTHANASIA IN SHELTERS. Filed 1/28/09. *TO PROVIDE FOR HUMANE EUTHANASIA OF ANIMALS IN ANIMAL SHELTERS.*

Effective January 1, 2011, creates GS 19A-26.1 to require that euthanasia of animals in shelters be done by a licensed veterinarian or certified euthanasia technician and only through a lethal dose of sodium pentobarbital or an approved equivalent. Prohibits use of neuromuscular blocking agents for euthanasia. Amends GS 130A-192 to require shelters to check for microchip and owner identification tag when impounding an animal. Repeals GS 19A-23(9), defining euthanasia. Effective April 1, 2011, amends GS 19A-26.1 to prohibit animal shelters from using carbon monoxide or other gas for euthanasia and requires removal of gas chambers at animal shelters. Requires gas chambers at animal shelters to be destroyed by April 1, 2011.

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