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HOUSE BILL 1209

Short Title: White Squirrel Sanctuaries.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Ives; and Rayfield.

Referred to: Local and Regional Government II.

May 16, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF BREVARD AND HENDERSONVILLE
TO CREATE SQUIRREL SANCTUARIES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE
"BREVARD WHITE SQUIRREL".**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A city may by ordinance create a squirrel sanctuary within the corporate limits of that city to regulate activities within the sanctuary which may or will harm any species of squirrel (family Sciuridae), and in particular the "Brevard White Squirrel". Any ordinance adopted for this purpose shall be consistent with the ordinance powers found in G.S. 160A-174 or any other law, and shall not protect any squirrel classified as a pest by the General Statutes, except that the "Brevard White Squirrel" may be protected regardless of such a classification. It is unlawful for any person to harm any species of squirrel in violation of such an ordinance.

Sec. 2. This act applies only to the cities of Brevard and Hendersonville.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification. Any ordinance authorized by this act but enacted by the city of Brevard prior to the effective date of this act is validated and shall be effective on and after that date.