

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 747

Short Title: Assault On Law-Enforcement Animal.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cocklereece; Capps, Clary, Culp, Eddins, Edwards, Hurley, Lemmond, K. Miller, Nichols, Rayfield, Reynolds, Sexton, Sharpe, and Snowden.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

April 4, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR TO TAUNT OR ASSAULT A
2 LAW-ENFORCEMENT ANIMAL AND TO MAKE IT A FELONY TO
3 SERIOUSLY INJURE OR KILL A LAW-ENFORCEMENT ANIMAL.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "**§ 14-163.1. ~~Injuring~~ Taunting, assaulting, injuring, or killing law-enforcement**
8 **agency animal.**

9 (a) It is unlawful for any person willfully and maliciously to do or attempt to do
10 any of the following to an animal maintained by any municipal, county, or State law-
11 enforcement agency for use in the performance of the duties of the agency: taunt,
12 torment, tease, beat, kick, or strike the animal. Any person who violates this subsection
13 is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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

1 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1995, and applies to offenses
2 committed on or after that date.