GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

S SENATE BILL 92

| Short Title: | Dangerous Dogs/Liability Insurance. | (Public) |
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| Sponsors: | Senators Bingham; Berger of Rockingham, Boseman, Jones, Purcell, Rand, and Stevens. | Garrou, Hagan, |
| Referred to: | Judiciary ll (Criminal). | |

February 12, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF DANGEROUS AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOGS TO ACQUIRE LIABILITY INSURANCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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SECTION 1. Article 1A of Chapter 67 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 67-4.6. Owner required to have insurance.

- (a) Within 30 days of the determination by animal control authorities that a dog is a dangerous dog or a potentially dangerous dog under G.S. 67-4.1(a), the owner of the dog shall obtain, and upon demand present to an animal control officer evidence of, a policy of insurance in the amount of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) issued by an insurer authorized to do business in this State insuring the owner of the dog against liability for any personal injuries inflicted or other damage caused by the dog.
- (b) Failure to obtain the insurance required by this section or to produce evidence of that insurance upon demand of an animal control officer is a Class 1 misdemeanor."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2007, and applies to acts occurring on or after that date.