

March 22, 2001

S 646. HARM OR HINDER LAW OR ASSISTANCE ANIMALS. TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO HARM OR ATTEMPT TO HARM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL OR AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS OFFICIAL DUTIES, OR TO TEASE OR HARASS THE ANIMAL. Amends GS 14-163.1 as title indicates. Makes it a Class I felony to cause or attempt to cause serious physical harm to the animal, a Class A1 misdemeanor to cause or attempt to cause physical harm to the animal, and a Class 1 misdemeanor to tease the animal or obstruct the animal in the performance of its official duties. Self-defense is an affirmative defense to any violation. Applies to offenses committed on or after Dec. 1, 2001.

Intro. by Rand.

Ref. to Judiciary I

GS 14

April 25, 2001

S 646. HARM OR HINDER LAW OR ASSISTANCE ANIMALS. Intro. 3/22/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical changes.

August 1, 2001

S 646. HARM OR HINDER LAW OR ASSISTANCE ANIMALS. Intro. 2/22/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes title of bill to *AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO HARM OR ATTEMPT TO HARM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL, OR TO OBSTRUCT, DELAY, TEASE, OR HARASS THE ANIMAL IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL OR ASSISTANCE ANIMAL*. Deletes specification in definition of physical harm that harm includes any harm regardless of its gravity or duration. Deletes provisions requiring that conduct included in definition of offenses created in bill "not be in self defense." Rewrites proposed BS 14-13.1(d) to make it clear that taunting, teasing or harassing an animal covered by bill is a crime only when the animal is performing its duty as a law enforcement animal.

August 8, 2001

S 646. HARM OR HINDER LAW OR ASSISTANCE ANIMALS. Intro. 3/22/01. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Reduces punishment from Class A1 to Class 1 misdemeanor for willfully causing physical (but not serious physical) harm to animal knowing or having reason to know it is law enforcement agency animal or assistance animal. Reduces punishment for taunting, teasing, harassing such an animal or delaying animal in performance of its duties from Class 1 to Class 2 misdemeanor.

August 21, 2001

S 646. HARM OR HINDER LAW OR ASSISTANCE ANIMALS. Intro. 3/22/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 4th edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO HARM OR ATTEMPT TO HARM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL OR AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL, OR TO OBSTRUCT, DELAY, TEASE, OR HARASS THE ANIMAL IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL OR ASSISTANCE ANIMAL, OR TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO RESTRAIN A DOG BY A CHAIN OR WIRE GROSSLY IN EXCESS OF THE SIZE NECESSARY TO RESTRAIN THE DOG SAFELY*. Adds new GS 14-362.3, effective for offenses committed on or after Dec. 1, 2001, to provide that person who maliciously restrains a dog using a chain or wire grossly in excess of size necessary to restrain dog safely is guilty of Class 1 misdemeanor. Defines "maliciously" as restraint imposed intentionally and with malice or bad motive.

September 18, 2001

SL 2001-411 (S 646). HARM OR HINDER LAW OR ASSISTANCE ANIMALS. AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO HARM OR ATTEMPT TO HARM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL OR AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL, OR TO OBSTRUCT, DELAY, TEASE, OR HARASS THE ANIMAL IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT

AGENCY ANIMAL OR ASSISTANCE ANIMAL, AND TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO RESTRAIN A DOG BY A CHAIN OR WIRE GROSSLY IN EXCESS OF THE SIZE NECESSARY TO RESTRAIN THE DOG SAFELY. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/22/01, 4/25/01, 8/1/01, 8/8/01, and 8/21/01. Enacted Sept. 14, 2001. Effective Dec. 1, 2001, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.