

March 24, 2005

S 1032. PROTECTION OF INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS. PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST THE HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS THAT INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS POSE AND TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS. Adds new Article 6 to GS Chapter 19A regulating inherently dangerous animals. Defines inherently dangerous animal as animal that is capable of inflicting serious or fatal injuries or which has the potential to become a menace to the public health or indigenous wildlife population; does not include indigenous wild animals the taking or possessing of which are regulated by the Wildlife Resources Comm'n. Specifically lists certain kinds of inherently dangerous animals. Exempts from Article accredited zoos, wildlife sanctuaries, veterinary clinics, and other specific institutions. Provides that a person may not own, possess, keep, harbor, bring into NC, or act as custodian of inherently dangerous animal unless that person holds a personal possession permit for the animal issued by Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources. Prohibits breeding of inherently dangerous animals. Permit for possession may be granted only if person was in legal possession of animal before January 1, 2006, and applies for and is granted permit by March 31, 2006. Requires annual permit. Requires animal to be implanted with microchip with identification number and to be spayed or neutered at expense of possessor. Requires possessor to maintain liability insurance of at least \$100,000 per occurrence and sets out provisions regarding care and treatment of animals. Sets out provisions for confiscation of animals kept in violation of Article and civil and criminal penalties for violations. Authorizes county or city to adopt more restrictive ordinance governing inherently dangerous animals. Effective January 1, 2006, but person who meets requirements for possessing animal has until March 31, 2006, to obtain permit.

Intro. by Garwood.

Ref. to Judiciary II

GS 19A

May 18, 2005

S 1032. STUDY INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS (NEW). Intro. 3/24/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Completely rewrites bill as *AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DETERMINE THE BEST MEANS OF PROTECTING THE PUBLIC AGAINST THE HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS POSED BY INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS*. As title indicates, requires that the Dep't conduct study in consultation with the NC Zoological Park, the Wildlife Resources Comm'n, and other groups specified in act, and report its findings no later than the convening of the 2005 General Assembly's 2006 Regular Session. Specifies information to be included in report.

July 26, 2005

S 1032. STUDY INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS. Intro. 3/24/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Requires that the Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources also consult with the Division of Public Health of the Dep't of Health and Human Services in connection with study. Makes technical changes.