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S 529. ANIMAL SHELTERS/UNIFORM REGULATION. TO CREATE A UNIFORM SYSTEM FOR THE REGULATION OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ANIMAL SHELTERS. Expands definition of “animal shelter” in GS 19A-23(5) for purposes of Animal Welfare Act to also include facilities owned or maintained by local governmental entities, facilities that rehabilitate animals, and facilities that are under contract with private or governmental entities dedicated to animal welfare. Amends GS 19A-24 to require that Board of Agriculture adopt certain listed standards for the care of animals at shelters (was, authorized Board to adopt standards) and to also require that Board adopt rules on the euthanasia of animals and only use those methods that are approved by organizations listed. Enacts new GS 19A-41 to require that Attorney General or designee represent the Dep’t of Agriculture in actions related to Animal Welfare Act. Effective October 1, 2005.

Intro. by Clodfelter.

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GS 19A