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S 1477. INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS. Filed 3/22/07. *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 a new Article 7 to GS Chapter 19A. Makes it unlawful to import into, possess, purchase, breed, or sell within the State an inherently dangerous animal. Covered animals are defined in GS 19A-80. GS 19A-81 specifies exceptions. A grandparent clause applies to some possessors of inherently dangerous animals and specifies conditions under which the animal must be kept. Possessors of inherently dangerous animals must allow inspection. Provides for confiscation and disposition of animals. Authorizes the animal control authority and its staff and agents and others to enforce the article. Any person who violates the article is liable for a civil penalty of between \$200 and \$3,000. Allows local governing bodies to adopt more restrictive ordinances. Effective January 1, 2008 and applies to inherently dangerous animals existing in the state on or after that date.

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