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HOUSE BILL 553
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/21/15
PROPOSED SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H553-PCS10421-TQ-30

Short Title: Ordinances Regulating Animals.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 6, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE AUTHORITY OF CITIES AND COUNTIES TO ADOPT
3 ORDINANCES REGARDING ANIMALS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Article 6 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 153A-145.4. Limitations on standards of care for farm animals.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no county ordinance may regulate standards of
9 care for farm animals. For purposes of this section, "standards of care for farm animals"
10 includes the following: the construction, repair, or improvement of farm animal shelter or
11 housing; restrictions on the types of feed or medicines that may be administered to farm
12 animals; and exercise and social interaction requirements. For purposes of this section, the term
13 "farm animals" includes the following domesticated animals: cattle, oxen, bison, sheep, swine,
14 goats, horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, hinnies, llamas, alpacas, lagomorphs, ratites, and
15 poultry."

16 SECTION 2. Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by
17 adding a new section to read:

18 "**§ 160A-203.1. Limitations on standards of care for farm animals.**

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no city ordinance may regulate standards of
20 care for farm animals. For purposes of this section, "standards of care for farm animals"
21 includes the following: the construction, repair, or improvement of farm animal shelter or
22 housing; restrictions on the types of feed or medicines that may be administered to farm
23 animals; and exercise and social interaction requirements. For purposes of this section, the term
24 "farm animals" includes the following domesticated animals: cattle, oxen, bison, sheep, swine,
25 goats, horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, hinnies, llamas, alpacas, lagomorphs, ratites, and poultry
26 flocks of greater than 20 birds."

27 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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