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HOUSE BILL 1301  
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Short Title: Pet Theft/Larceny.

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Sponsors: Representatives Howard; Barbee, Bowie, Bowman, Brawley, Brubaker, Buchanan, Cromer, Culp, Duncan, Esposito, Gardner, Hardaway, Holmes, Huffman, Judy Hunt, S. Hunt, Justus, Kennedy, Kimsey, Lail, Ligon, Loflin, Miller, Pope, Privette, Redwine, Rhyne, Sizemore, Stamey, R. Thompson, S. Thompson, Walker, Weatherly, P. Wilson, and G. Wilson.

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Referred to: Judiciary.

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April 12, 1989

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MAKE THE LARCENY OF A DOG OR CAT A FELONY.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. Article 16 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
5 adding a new section to read:

6 "**§ 14-84.1. Larceny of pets.**

7 (a) As used in this section:

8 (1) 'Pet' means a dog or cat that is harbored by its owner or lawful  
9 custodian in a dwelling or within an enclosure or yard which is  
10 contained within the real property boundary line of the dwelling and is  
11 located within 500 feet of the dwelling.

12 (2) 'Harbor' means to provide food and shelter to a dog or cat.

13 (b) Larceny of a pet, regardless of its value, is a Class J felony."

14 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989, and shall apply to  
15 acts occurring on or after that date.