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Sponsors:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
STUDY THE NEED TO REVISE THE LAWS RELATING TO ANIMAL
WELFARE AND ANIMAL CONTROL.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the need to revise and improve the laws of this State regarding animal welfare and animal control. The study may include an examination of:

- (1) The need to clarify the jurisdictional authority for enforcement of animal welfare and animal control laws;
- (2) The need to establish a separate Animal Welfare Division within the Department of Agriculture;
- (3) The need to create an Animal Welfare Act Enforcement Fund;
- (4) The feasibility of reducing costs of animal control by requiring cities and counties to charge a lower animal tax on pets that have been spayed or neutered;
- (5) Methods for promoting local programs for the spaying and neutering of animals, including the possibility of establishing a Pet Fund to provide assistance to such programs;

1 (6) Any other appropriate issues regarding the revision and improvement of
2 laws regarding animal welfare or animal control.

3 Sec. 2. The Commission may report its findings and any recommendations to
4 the 1997 General Assembly, and may make an interim report to the 1996 Regular Session
5 of the 1995 General Assembly.

6 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.