

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 542

Short Title: Taunt Police Animal.

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Sponsors: Senator Shaw of Guilford.

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Referred to: Judiciary.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR TO TAUNT A  
2 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 14-163.1 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 14-163.1. Injuring, maiming, ~~or killing~~ killing, or taunting a law-enforcement**  
7 **agency animal.**

8 (a) Any person who knows or has reason to know that an animal is used for law-  
9 enforcement purposes such as investigation, detection of narcotics or explosives, or  
10 crowd control, by any law-enforcement agency and who willfully and not in self defense,  
11 causes serious injury to, maims, or kills that animal is guilty of a Class I felony.

12 (b) Unless the conduct is covered by another provision of law providing greater  
13 punishment, any person who knows or has reason to know that an animal is used for law-  
14 enforcement purposes such as investigation, detection of narcotics or explosives, or  
15 crowd control, by any law-enforcement agency and who willfully and maliciously taunts,  
16 torments, teases, beats, kicks, or strikes that animal is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor."

17 Section 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1997, and applies to  
18 offenses committed on or after that date.