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HOUSE BILL 495  
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Short Title: Injury to Law Enforcement Animal.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE IT A FELONY IN ALAMANCE, CUMBERLAND, DAVIE,  
DAVIDSON, GASTON, LINCOLN, AND WAKE COUNTIES TO INJURE OR  
KILL A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL, TO CREATE A NEW  
OFFENSE FOR ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM UPON A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCY ANIMAL, AND TO CREATE A NEW OFFENSE FOR SIMPLE  
ASSAULT OR SIMPLE ASSAULT AND BATTERY UPON A LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

**"§ 14-163.1. Injuring or killing law-enforcement agency animal.**

Any person who knows or has reason to know that an animal is used for law-enforcement purposes such as investigation, detection of narcotics or explosives, or crowd control, by any law-enforcement agency and who willfully and not in self defense, causes serious injury to or kills that animal is guilty of a Class ~~1 misdemeanor~~ I felony."

Sec. 2. Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 14-163.2. Assault with a firearm upon law enforcement agency animal.**

1        Any person who knows or has reason to know that an animal is used for law  
2 enforcement purposes such as investigation, detection of narcotics or explosives, or  
3 crowd control, by any law enforcement agency and who willfully and not in self-defense,  
4 commits an assault with a firearm or other deadly weapon upon that animal or poisons  
5 the animal is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor."

6            Sec. 3. Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section  
7 to read:

8        **"§ 14-163.3. Simple assault or simple assault and battery upon law enforcement**  
9            **agency animal.**

10        Any person who knows or has reason to know that an animal is used for law  
11 enforcement purposes such as investigation, detection of narcotics or explosives, or  
12 crowd control, by any law enforcement agency and who willfully and not in self-defense,  
13 commits a simple assault or a simple assault and battery upon that animal is guilty of a  
14 Class 1 misdemeanor."

15            Sec. 4. This act applies only to Alamance, Cumberland, Davie, Davidson,  
16 Gaston, Lincoln, and Wake Counties.

17            Sec. 5. This act becomes effective December 1, 1995, and applies to offenses  
18 committed on and after that date.