

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007

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SENATE BILL 34

Short Title: Kill Police Animal. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Swindell; Albertson, Apodaca, Atwater, Berger of Rockingham, Bingham, Brock, Dalton, Dannelly, Goodall, Hoyle, Jenkins, Jones, Kinnaird, Nesbitt, Purcell, Snow, Stevens, Tillman, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Judiciary II (Criminal).

February 12, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CLASS H FELONY TO WILLFULLY KILL OR
3 ATTEMPT TO KILL A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR ASSISTANCE ANIMAL
4 AND TO MAKE IT AN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE FOR OTHER
5 CRIMINAL OFFENSES THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR ASSISTANCE
6 ANIMAL WAS SERIOUSLY HARMED OR KILLED WHILE THE ANIMAL
7 WAS ENGAGED IN PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-163.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read
10 as follows:

11 "(a1) Any person who knows or has reason to know that an animal is a law
12 enforcement agency animal or an assistance animal and who willfully kills or attempts
13 to kill the animal is guilty of a Class H felony."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 15A-1340.16(d) is amended by adding a new subdivision
15 to read:

16 "(6a) The offense was committed against or proximately caused serious
17 harm as defined in G.S. 14-163.1 or death to a law enforcement agency
18 animal or assistance animal as defined in G.S. 14-163.1, while
19 engaged in the performance of the animal's official duties."

20 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2007, and applies to
21 offenses committed on or after that date.