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SENATE BILL 247\*  
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Short Title: Raleigh/Donate Service Animals to Officers. (Local)

Sponsors: Senators Stein, Alexander, and Blue (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF RALEIGH AND THE CITIES AND TOWNS IN  
3 MECKLENBURG COUNTY TO DONATE RETIRED SERVICE ANIMALS USED BY  
4 THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER CITY OR TOWN AGENCY TO THE  
5 POLICE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO HAD NORMAL CUSTODY AND  
6 CONTROL OF THE ANIMAL.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 33(c) of the Charter of the City of Raleigh, being Chapter  
9 1184 of the 1949 Session Laws, as amended by S.L. 1991-312, S.L. 1993-649, S.L. 1995-323,  
10 and S.L. 2005-157, reads as rewritten:

11 "(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this ~~section, nothing~~ section:

12 (1) Nothing herein shall be construed as preventing any official or employee  
13 covered by this section from purchasing a utility service offered to the  
14 general public at uniform rates, sludge generated at a wastewater treatment  
15 plant, farm products grown on City-owned or City-leased farms, and mulch  
16 produced at the City's yard waste processing center.

17 (2) In addition to the transactions authorized in this section, the City may sell  
18 items of personal uniforms and equipment, excluding weapons, to public  
19 safety employees upon their separation from the City's employment. The  
20 items may be sold by private sale at the prices and under the terms and  
21 conditions that the City Council may establish by resolution.

22 (3) When any horse, dog, or other animal used by the Police Department or any  
23 other City agency is deemed no longer fit for public service, the City  
24 Council may donate the animal to the officer or employee who had normal  
25 custody and control of the animal during its service to the City."

26 **SECTION 2.(a)** The governing body of a municipality may donate any horse, dog,  
27 or other animal used by the municipality's police department or any other municipal agency to  
28 the officer or employee who had normal custody and control of the animal during its service to  
29 the municipality when the animal is deemed no longer fit for public service.

30 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section applies only to the municipalities in Mecklenburg  
31 County.

32 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

