

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 480\*

Short Title: Increase Rabies Tag Fee/AB.

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Sponsors: Senators Lucas; Conder, Dannelly, Forrester, Gulley, Jordan, and Shaw of Cumberland.

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Referred to: Finance.

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March 25, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN THE FEE CHARGED FOR RABIES TAGS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 130A-190 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 130A-190. Rabies vaccination tags.**

A licensed veterinarian or a certified rabies vaccinator who administers rabies vaccine to a dog or cat shall issue a rabies vaccination tag to the owner of the animal. The rabies vaccination tag shall show the year issued, a vaccination number, the words 'North Carolina' or the initials 'N.C.' and the words 'rabies vaccine.' Dogs and cats shall wear rabies vaccination tags at all times. However, cats may be exempted from wearing the tags by local ordinance. Rabies vaccination tags, links and rivets may be obtained from the Department. The Secretary is authorized to establish by rule a fee for the rabies tags, links and rivets. ~~The~~ Except as otherwise authorized in this section, the fee shall not exceed the actual cost of the rabies tags, links and rivets, plus transportation costs. The Secretary may increase the fee beyond the actual cost plus transportation, by an amount not to exceed five cents (5¢) per tag, to fund rabies education and prevention programs."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.