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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWNS OF APEX, CARY, GARNER, KNIGHTDALE, MORRISVILLE, ROLESVILLE, WAKE FOREST, AND ZEBULON AND THE COUNTIES OF GUILFORD, MOORE, RANDOLPH, AND SURRY, AND ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IN THOSE COUNTIES, TO TRANSFER RETIRED SERVICE ANIMALS USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER TOWN AGENCY TO THE POLICE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO HAD NORMAL CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE ANIMAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 160A-279.5. Disposition of animals.

(a) Upon the governing body determining any horse, dog, or other animal owned by the local government is no longer fit or needed for public service, the governing body may transfer ownership of the animal at a price determined by the governing body and upon any other terms and conditions as the governing body deems appropriate to any of the following individuals, if that individual agrees to accept ownership, care, and custody of the animal:

(1) The officer or employee who had normal custody and control of the animal during the animal's public service to the local government.

(2) A surviving spouse, or in the event such officer or employee dies unsurvived by a spouse, surviving children of the officer or employee killed in the line of duty who had normal custody and control of the animal during the animal's public service to the local government.

(3) An organization or program dedicated to the assistance or support of animals retired from public service.

(b) This section applies only to the Towns of Apex, Cary, Garner, Knightdale, Morrisville, Rolesville, Wake Forest, and Zebulon and to the counties of Guilford, Moore, Randolph, and Surry, and all of the municipalities that lie in whole, or in part, in those counties."

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

