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Short Title: No Breed-Specific Dog Laws. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wray.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENACTING OR ENFORCING
3 BREED-SPECIFIC ORDINANCES REGULATING DOGS OR DOG OWNERSHIP.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 67-4.5 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 67-4.5. Local ordinances; ordinances; no breed-specific regulation.**

7 (a) ~~Nothing Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, nothing~~ in this Article
8 shall be construed to prevent a city or county from adopting or enforcing its own program for
9 control of dangerous dogs.

10 (b) No unit of local government may adopt an ordinance regulating, restricting, or
11 prohibiting the possession of dogs based upon the breed of the dogs or upon presumptions
12 about the behavior inherent to a particular breed of dog."

13 SECTION 2. G.S. 153A-131 reads as rewritten:

14 "**§ 153A-131. Possession or harboring of dangerous animals.**

15 ~~A~~Subject to the prohibition contained in G.S. 67-4.5(b), a county may by ordinance
16 regulate, restrict, or prohibit the possession or harboring of animals which are dangerous to
17 persons or property. No such ordinance shall have the effect of permitting any activity or
18 condition with respect to a wild animal which is prohibited or more severely restricted by
19 regulations of the Wildlife Resources Commission."

20 SECTION 3. G.S. 160A-186 reads as rewritten:

21 "**§ 160A-186. Regulation of domestic animals.**

22 ~~A~~Subject to the prohibition contained in G.S. 67-4.5(b), a city may by ordinance regulate,
23 restrict, or prohibit the keeping, running, or going at large of any domestic animals, including
24 dogs and cats. The ordinance may provide that animals allowed to run at large in violation of
25 the ordinance may be seized and sold or destroyed after reasonable efforts to notify their
26 owner."

27 SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

