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HOUSE BILL 952
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/18/16

Short Title: Honor Our Service Animals/Sheriff Contracts.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 26, 2016

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE CATAWBA, CLEVELAND, AND GASTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICES MAY CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOOD AND FOOD SERVICES SUPPLIES FOR THE COUNTY'S DETENTION FACILITY WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CERTAIN STATE PURCHASE AND CONTRACT LAWS AND AUTHORIZING CLEVELAND AND GASTON COUNTIES AND THE MUNICIPALITIES IN THOSE COUNTIES TO TRANSFER RETIRED SERVICE ANIMALS OWNED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of S.L. 2015-158 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 2.** This act applies only to the following counties: ~~Jones~~, Catawba, Cherokee, Cleveland, Gaston, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jones, Lincoln, Madison, Orange, Transylvania, and Yancey."

SECTION 2. 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 Counties of Cleveland and Gaston and all of the municipalities that lie in whole, or in part, in those counties."

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



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