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SENATE BILL 849*
State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 6/2/16

Short Title: Wake Cty Towns Donate Retired Service Animals. (Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 11, 2016

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWNS OF APEX, CARY, GARNER, KNIGHTDALE,
3 MORRISVILLE, ROLESVILLE, WAKE FOREST, AND ZEBULON AND THE COUNTY
4 OF YANCEY, AND ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IN THAT COUNTY, TO
5 TRANSFER RETIRED SERVICE ANIMALS OWNED BY THAT TOWN TO THE
6 OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO HAD NORMAL CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE
7 ANIMAL.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

11 "§ 160A-279.5. Disposition of animals.

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

- 17 (1) The officer or employee who had normal custody and control of the animal
18 during the animal's public service to the local government.
19 (2) A surviving spouse, or in the event such officer or employee dies unsurvived by
20 a spouse, surviving children of the officer or employee killed in the line of duty
21 who had normal custody and control of the animal during the animal's public
22 service to the local government.
23 (3) An organization or program dedicated to the assistance or support of animals
24 retired from public service.

25 (b) This section applies only to the Towns of Apex, Cary, Garner, Knightdale, Morrisville,
26 Rolesville, Wake Forest, and Zebulon and the County of Yancey and all of the municipalities that
27 lie in whole, or in part, in that county."

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

