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HOUSE BILL DRH40083-LR-50

Short Title: Pitt County Animal Control Records. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives K. Smith and Humphrey (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT RELATING TO THE RELEASE OF ANIMAL SERVICES RECORDS IN PITT  
3 COUNTY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 132 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
6 section to read:

7 "**§ 132-1.15. Personally identifiable records relating to county animal services.**

8 (a) Personally identifiable information held by a county animal services agency that  
9 relates to any of the following persons is not a public record as defined in G.S. 132-1:

10 (1) An individual who has voluntarily surrendered ownership of an animal to an  
11 animal shelter.

12 (2) An individual who has adopted a shelter animal or to whom a shelter animal  
13 has been placed through a foster program.

14 (b) When a county animal control service places animals with an animal rescue  
15 organization, the identity of the animal rescue organization is a public record as defined in  
16 G.S. 132-1.

17 (c) Disclosure or nondisclosure of information that is not a public record under this  
18 section may be made in the county's discretion."

19 SECTION 2. This act applies to Pitt County only.

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

