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HOUSE BILL 851

Short Title: Clarify Animal Welfare Statutes. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Harrison and McElraft (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Agriculture, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 5, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DANGEROUS DOG LAWS TO PERMIT A CASE-BY-CASE
3 DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER A DOG TRAINED FOR DOG FIGHTING IS
4 DANGEROUS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 67-4.1 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 67-4.1. Definitions and procedures.**

8 (a) As used in this Article, unless the context clearly requires otherwise and except as
9 modified in subsection (b) of this section, the term:

10 (1) "Dangerous dog" means

11 ~~a.~~ Aa dog that:

12 ~~1.a.~~ Without provocation has killed or inflicted severe injury on a person;
13 or

14 ~~2.b.~~ Is determined by the person or Board designated by the county or
15 municipal authority responsible for animal control to be potentially
16 dangerous because the dog has engaged in one or more of the
17 behaviors listed in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

18 ~~b.~~ ~~Any dog owned or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of dog~~
19 ~~fighting, or any dog trained for dog fighting.~~

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21 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 67-4.5 reads as rewritten:

22 "**§ 67-4.5. Local ordinances.**

23 Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent a city or county from adopting or
24 enforcing its own program for control of dangerous ~~dogs.~~dogs consistent with this Article."

25 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2021.

