

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 441

Short Title: Clarify Animal Welfare Act. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives McNeely, Mills, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 23, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN DOG TRAINING BUSINESSES ARE NOT  
CLASSIFIED AS PET SHOPS FOR PURPOSES OF LICENSING UNDER THE ANIMAL  
WELFARE ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 19A-23(12) reads as rewritten:

"(12) "Pet shop" means a person or establishment that acquires for the purposes of resale animals bred by others whether as owner, agent, or on consignment, and that sells, trades or offers to sell or trade such animals to the general public at retail or wholesale. A person or establishment that provides dog training and obedience services and that derives less than ten percent (10%) of its gross receipts from the sale of animals is not considered a pet shop for purposes of this Article."

**SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Iredell County.

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

