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HOUSE BILL 1107  
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/13/91  
Senate Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 6/11/91

Short Title: Pets in Hotels.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 24, 1991

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW PETS IN HOTEL ROOMS AT THE INNKEEPER'S  
3 PREROGATIVE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 72-7 is repealed.

6 Sec. 2. Article 1 of Chapter 72 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
7 a new section to read:

8 "**§ 72-8 Admittance of pets to hotel rooms.**

9 (a) Innkeepers may permit pets in rooms used for sleeping purposes and in  
10 adjoining rooms.

11 (b) Innkeepers must post a sign measuring not less than five inches by seven  
12 inches at the place where guests register informing them whether or not pets are  
13 permitted in sleeping rooms and in adjoining rooms. If certain pets are permitted or  
14 prohibited, the sign must so state. If any pets are permitted, the innkeeper must  
15 maintain a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the sleeping rooms in the inn or hotel as  
16 rooms where pets are not permitted and the sign required by this subsection must also  
17 state that such rooms are available.

18 (c) Every sleeping room and adjoining room in the inn or hotel must contain a  
19 sign measuring not less than five inches by seven inches, posted in a prominent place in  
20 the room, which shall be separate from the sign required by G.S. 72-6, stating whether  
21 pets are permitted or prohibited in the room, or whether certain pets are prohibited or  
22 permitted in the room, and stating that bringing pets into a room in which they are not

1 permitted is a misdemeanor under North Carolina law punishable by a fine not to  
2 exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or both.

3 (d) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a  
4 misdemeanor and upon conviction shall pay a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars  
5 (\$500.00) or be imprisoned for not more than 30 days, or both

6 (e) The provisions of this section are not applicable to assistance dogs admitted  
7 to sleeping rooms and adjoining rooms under the provisions of Chapter 168 of the  
8 General Statutes."

9 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991.