

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 830

Short Title: Felony to Kill Police Animal.

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Sponsors: Representatives Decker; Arnold, Balmer, J. Brown, Creech, Culp, DeVane, Ellis, Hayes, Joye, Justus, McLawhorn, Mitchell, Nichols, C. Preston, J. Preston, Weatherly, and Wood.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

April 8, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CLASS I FELONY INTENTIONALLY TO KILL A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 23 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

§ 14-163.2. Killing law enforcement agency animal.

Any person who knows or has reason to know that an animal is used for law enforcement purposes such as investigation, detection of narcotics or explosives, or crowd control, by any law enforcement agency and who willfully and not in self-defense kills that animal is guilty of a Class I felony."

Sec. 2. G.S. 14-163.1 reads as rewritten:

§ 14-163.1. Injuring ~~or killing~~ law-enforcement agency animal.

Any person who knows or has reason to know that an animal is used for law-enforcement purposes such as investigation, detection of narcotics or explosives, or crowd control, by any law-enforcement agency and who willfully and not in self defense, causes serious injury to ~~or kills~~ that animal is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court."

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective December 1, 1993, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.