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Short Title: Columbus/No Feeding of Alligators.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 12, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF ALLIGATORS IN COLUMBUS
COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is unlawful to intentionally feed, or to entice with food, any wild
American alligator, *Alligator mississippiensis*.

Section 2. This act does not apply to:

(1) Persons feeding alligators that are lawfully maintained in protected
captivity for educational, scientific, commercial, or recreational
purposes; or

(2) Officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, persons licensed or
otherwise authorized by the Commission, or local animal control
officers, when relocating alligators by baiting or enticement.

◆ Section 3. Violation of this act is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

Section 4. This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife
Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by other peace officers with
general subject matter jurisdiction.

- 1 Section 5. This act applies only to Columbus County.
- 2 Section 6. This act becomes effective December 1, 1997.