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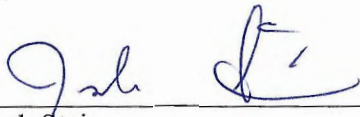
*State of North  
Carolina*

GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***House Bill 96: AN ACT TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY FOR THE EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PET SHOPS.***

This legislation originally addressed squatters, and I supported it. At the last moment, however, an unrelated amendment was added that prohibits local governments from regulating pet stores. This bill would facilitate inhumane puppy mills in North Carolina. Without this provision, I would sign the legislation. With it, I cannot support it.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

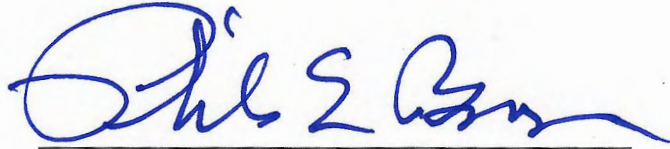
  
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The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 9th day of July 2025, at 3:02 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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**SECTION 4.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2025. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.



Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate



Donna McDowell White  
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

**VETO**



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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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