



Josh Stein, Governor

*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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Josh Stein", written over a horizontal line.

Josh Stein
Governor

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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