



HOUSE BILL 199: Certain Cities/Donate Service Animals

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee: Senate State and Local Government
Introduced by: Reps. D. Hall, Holley, Jackson, Gill
Analysis of: PCS to First Edition
H199-CSST-78

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SUMMARY: *The proposed committee substitute for House Bill 199 would amend the Charter of the City of Raleigh to allow the City to donate retired animals used by the Police Department or other City agency to the police officer or employee who had normal custody or control of the animal during the animal's service, and would authorize the municipalities in Mecklenburg County to do the same.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S247, as introduced by Sens. Stein, Alexander, Blue, which is currently in Senate State and Local Government.]

CURRENT LAW: City governments generally dispose of real and personal property in accordance with the procedures established by Article 12 of Chapter 160A. Subject to certain limitations, a city can dispose of real or personal property belonging to the city by:

- Private negotiation and sale
- Advertisement for sealed bids
- Negotiated offer, advertisement, and upset bid
- Public auction
- Exchange

Currently, there is not a provision in the Charter of the City of Raleigh that addresses the donation of retired animals used by the City.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for House Bill 199 is a local act that would:

1. Amend the Charter of the City of Raleigh to provide that when a horse, dog, or other animal used by the Police Department or any other City agency is deemed no longer fit for public service, the City Council is authorized to donate the animal to the officer or employee who had normal custody and control of the animal during its service to the City.
2. Authorize all of the municipalities in Mecklenburg County to donate a horse, dog, or other animal used by that municipality to the officer or employee who had normal custody and control of the animal during its service to the municipality when the horse, dog, or other animal used by the Police Department or any other municipal agency is deemed no longer fit for public service.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law.

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