



HOUSE BILL 199: Raleigh/Donate Service Animals to Officers

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:	House Local Government	Date:	March 26, 2015
Introduced by:	Reps. D. Hall, Holley, Jackson, Gill	Prepared by:	Kelly Tornow
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SUMMARY: *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.*

[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: House Bill 199 is a local act that would 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

