



SENATE BILL 247: Raleigh/Donate Service Animals to Officers

2015-2016 General Assembly

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SUMMARY: *Senate Bill 247 would amend the Charter of the City of Raleigh to allow the City to donate retired public service animals used by the Police Department or any other City agency to the officer or employee who had normal custody and control of the animal during its service to the City.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to H199, as introduced by Reps. D. Hall, Holley, Jackson, and Gill, which received a favorable report in House Local Government on March 26, 2015 and appeared on the House Calendar on March 30, 2015.]

CURRENT LAW: Chapter 160A, Article 12 of the North Carolina General Statutes establishes the procedures city governments may use to generally dispose of real and personal property. Subject to certain limitations, a city may dispose of property belonging to the city by:

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

There is no provision in the Charter of the City of Raleigh that otherwise addresses the donation of retired animals used by the City.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 247 is a local act that would amend the Charter of the City of Raleigh to provide that when a service animal used by the Police Department or any other City agency is deemed no longer fit for public service, the City Council would be 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.

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