

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1020

Short Title: No Animal Antifreeze Poison.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gardner; and Flaherty.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PLACEMENT OF ANTIFREEZE IN AREAS WHERE IT MAY POISON ANIMALS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-401 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-401. Putting poisonous foodstuffs, antifreeze, etc., in certain public places, prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to put or place (i) any strychnine, other poisonous compounds or ground glass on any beef or other foodstuffs of any ~~kind~~ kind, or (ii) any antifreeze that contains ethylene glycol and is not in a closed container, in any public square, street, lane, alley or on any lot in any village, town or city or on any public road, open field, woods or yard in the country. Any person, firm or corporation who violates the provisions of this section shall be liable in damages to the person injured thereby and also shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned, at the discretion of the court. This section shall not apply to the poisoning of insects or worms for the purpose of protecting crops or gardens by spraying plants, crops or trees nor to poisons used in rat extermination."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1993, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.