## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 1999

## SESSION LAW 2000-12 HOUSE BILL 1542

AN ACT TO ADD CAMDEN COUNTY TO THOSE COUNTIES IN WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE OR DESTROY ELECTRONIC COLLARS ON DOGS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-401.17 reads as rewritten:

## "§ 14-401.17. Unlawful removal or destruction of electronic dog collars.

- (a) It is unlawful to intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar or other electronic device placed on a dog by its owner to maintain control of the dog.
- (b) A first conviction for a violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor. A second or subsequent conviction for a violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.
- (c) This act is enforceable by officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and peace officers with general subject matter jurisdiction.
- (d) This act applies only to Alamance, Avery, Beaufort, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, <u>Camden</u>, <u>Caswell</u>, Cherokee, Clay, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Davidson, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Hyde, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, New Hanover, Orange, Pasquotank, Pitt, Robeson, Rockingham, Swain, Transylvania, Union, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties."

Section 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2000, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of June, 2000.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate

s/ James B. BlackSpeaker of the House of Representatives