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Short Title: Columbus/No Feeding of Alligators.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF ALLIGATORS IN COLUMBUS AND  
BRUNSWICK COUNTIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. It is unlawful to intentionally feed, or to entice with food, any wild  
American alligator, *Alligator mississippiensis*.

Section 2. This act does not apply to:

(1) Persons feeding alligators that are lawfully maintained in protected  
captivity for educational, scientific, commercial, or recreational  
purposes; or

(2) Officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, persons licensed or  
otherwise authorized by the Commission, or local animal control  
officers, when relocating alligators by baiting or enticement.

Section 3. Violation of this act is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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1           Section 4. This act is enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife  
2 Resources Commission, by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and by other peace officers with  
3 general subject matter jurisdiction.

4           Section 5. This act applies only to Columbus and Brunswick Counties.

5           Section 6. This act becomes effective December 1, 1997.