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SENATE BILL 34
House Committee Substitute Favorable 5/29/07

Short Title: Kill Police Animal.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CLASS H FELONY TO WILLFULLY KILL A LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL OR ASSISTANCE ANIMAL AND TO
4 MAKE IT AN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE FOR OTHER CRIMINAL
5 OFFENSES THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL OR
6 ASSISTANCE ANIMAL WAS SERIOUSLY HARMED OR KILLED WHILE
7 THE ANIMAL WAS ENGAGED IN PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-163.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read
10 as follows:

11 "(a1) Any person who knows or has reason to know that an animal is a law
12 enforcement agency animal or an assistance animal and who willfully kills the animal is
13 guilty of a Class H felony."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 15A-1340.16(d) is amended by adding a new subdivision
15 to read:

16 "(6a) The offense was committed against or proximately caused serious
17 harm as defined in G.S. 14-163.1 or death to a law enforcement agency
18 animal or assistance animal as defined in G.S. 14-163.1, while
19 engaged in the performance of the animal's official duties."

20 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2007, and applies to
21 offenses committed on or after that date.