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HOUSE BILL 553  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/21/15

Short Title: Ordinances Regulating Animals.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 6, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE AUTHORITY OF CITIES AND COUNTIES TO ADOPT  
3 ORDINANCES REGARDING ANIMALS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 6 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding a new section to read:

7 **"§ 153A-145.3. Limitations on standards of care for farm animals.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no county ordinance may regulate standards of  
9 care for farm animals. For purposes of this section, "standards of care for farm animals"  
10 includes the following: the construction, repair, or improvement of farm animal shelter or  
11 housing; restrictions on the types of feed or medicines that may be administered to farm  
12 animals; and exercise and social interaction requirements. For purposes of this section, the term  
13 "farm animals" includes the following domesticated animals: cattle, oxen, bison, sheep, swine,  
14 goats, horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, hinnies, llamas, alpacas, lagomorphs, ratites, and  
15 poultry."

16 **SECTION 2.** Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by  
17 adding a new section to read:

18 **"§ 160A-203.1. Limitations on standards of care for farm animals.**

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no city ordinance may regulate standards of  
20 care for farm animals. For purposes of this section, "standards of care for farm animals"  
21 includes the following: the construction, repair, or improvement of farm animal shelter or  
22 housing; restrictions on the types of feed or medicines that may be administered to farm  
23 animals; and exercise and social interaction requirements. For purposes of this section, the term  
24 "farm animals" includes the following domesticated animals: cattle, oxen, bison, sheep, swine,  
25 goats, horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, hinnies, llamas, alpacas, lagomorphs, ratites, and  
26 poultry."

27 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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