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HOUSE BILL DRH40169-MH-66

Short Title: Clarify Animal Welfare Act. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative McNeely.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN DOG TRAINING BUSINESSES ARE NOT
3 CLASSIFIED AS PET SHOPS FOR PURPOSES OF LICENSING UNDER THE ANIMAL
4 WELFARE ACT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 19A-23(12) reads as rewritten:

7 "(12) "Pet shop" means a person or establishment that acquires for the purposes of
8 resale animals bred by others whether as owner, agent, or on consignment,
9 and that sells, trades or offers to sell or trade such animals to the general public
10 at retail or wholesale. A person or establishment that provides dog training
11 and obedience services and that derives less than ten percent (10%) of its gross
12 receipts from the sale of animals is not considered a pet shop for purposes of
13 this Article."

14 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Iredell County.

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



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