May 12, 2010

H 1690. SUSIE'S LAW. Filed 5/12/10. TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR THE MALICIOUS ABUSE, TORTURE, OR KILLING OF AN ANIMAL AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE ACT.

Amends GS 14-360(a1) to increase the penalty for the malicious killing of any animal by intentionally depriving the animal of sustenance from a Class A1 misdemeanor to a Class H felony. Amends GS 14-360(b) to make a person who engages in the malicious abuse, torture or killing of an animal or causes or procures an animal for abuse, torture, or killing, guilty of a Class H (was, Class I) Felony.

Appropriates \$50,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the Department of Correction to implement the provisions of this act.

Effective for offenses committed on or after December 1, 2010. Intro. by Jeffus, Harrison, Adams, Wiley. GS 14, APPROP