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HOUSE BILL 239

Short Title: Pitt County Animal Control Records. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives K. Smith and Humphrey (Primary Sponsors).  
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March 4, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT RELATING TO THE RELEASE OF ANIMAL SERVICES RECORDS IN PITT  
3 COUNTY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 132 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
6 section to read:

7 "**§ 132-1.15. Personally identifiable records relating to county animal services.**

8 (a) Personally identifiable information held by a county animal services agency that  
9 relates to any of the following persons is not a public record as defined in G.S. 132-1:

10 (1) An individual who has voluntarily surrendered ownership of an animal to an  
11 animal shelter.

12 (2) An individual who has adopted a shelter animal or to whom a shelter animal  
13 has been placed through a foster program.

14 (b) When a county animal control service places animals with an animal rescue  
15 organization, the identity of the animal rescue organization is a public record as defined in  
16 G.S. 132-1.

17 (c) Disclosure or nondisclosure of information that is not a public record under this  
18 section may be made in the county's discretion."

19 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to Pitt County only.

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

