

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1062*

Short Title: Strengthen Dom. Vio. Protective Orders/Pets. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Boseman; Kinnaird and McKissick.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

March 31, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS TO
3 PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF PETS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 50B-3(a) is amended by adding the following new subdivisions
6 to read:

7 "(a) If the court, including magistrates as authorized under G.S. 50B-2(c1), finds that an
8 act of domestic violence has occurred, the court shall grant a protective order restraining the
9 defendant from further acts of domestic violence. A protective order may include any of the
10 following types of relief:

11 ...

12 (14) Provide for the care, custody, and control of any animal owned, possessed,
13 kept, or held as a pet by either party or minor child residing in the
14 household.

15 (15) Direct a party to refrain from the cruel treatment or abuse of an animal
16 owned, possessed, kept, or held as a pet."

17 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

