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AMENDMENT
Senate Bill 257

AMENDMENT NO. **A14**
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Amends Title [NO]
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Senator Danner

1 moves to amend the bill on page 31, lines 7-8, by inserting the following between the lines:

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3 **"INCREASE PENALTY FOR PARTICIPATING IN PYRAMID DISTRIBUTION PLAN**

4 **SECTION 5.12.(a)** G.S. 14-291.2(a) reads as rewritten:

5 "(a) No person shall establish, operate, participate in, or otherwise promote any pyramid
6 distribution plan, program, device or scheme ~~whereby~~ by which a participant pays a valuable
7 consideration for the opportunity or chance to receive a fee or compensation upon the
8 introduction of other participants into the program, whether or not ~~such~~ the opportunity or chance
9 is received in conjunction with the purchase of merchandise. A person ~~who~~ that establishes or
10 operates a pyramid distribution plan is guilty of a Class H felony. A person ~~who~~ that participates
11 in or otherwise promotes a pyramid distribution plan is deemed to participate in a lottery and is
12 guilty of a ~~Class 2 misdemeanor~~ Class 1 misdemeanor."

13 **SECTION 5.12.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies
14 to offenses committed on or after that date."
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SIGNED [Signature]
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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