

## HOUSE BILL 793: Privacy/Up Secret Peeping Punishment

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SUMMARY: House Bill 793 would modify the secret peeping statute to increase the punishment when a person, while secretly peeping, takes a photograph or installs a device to take a photograph for the purpose of harming, intimidating, extorting, threatening, or defrauding another person.

**CURRENT LAW:** The current statute, G.S. 14-202, provides for a Class I felony for any person who, while secretly peeping into a room, uses any device to create a photographic image of another person in that room, for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person.

G.S. 14-202 also provides for a Class I felony for any person who, for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire, secretly or surreptitiously uses or installs in a room any device that can be used to create a photographic image, with the intent to capture the image of another without their consent.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The bill would provide a Class I felony for any person who, while secretly peeping into a room, uses any device to create a photographic image of another person in that room, for purpose of harming, intimidating, extorting, threatening, or defrauding another person.

The bill would provide a Class I felony for any person who, for purpose of harming, intimidating, extorting, threatening, or defrauding another person, secretly or surreptitiously uses or installs in a room any device that can be used to create a photographic image, with the intent to capture the image of another without their consent.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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