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SENATE BILL 513: North Carolina Farm Act of 2015, Sec. 27: Modify Penalty for Failure to Guard a Fire by Watchman

Committee:
Introduced by:
Analysis of: Sec. 27 of S.L. 2015-263

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SUMMARY: *Sec. 27 of S.L. 2015-263 reduces the penalty for failure to guard a fire by watchman from a Class 3 misdemeanor to an infraction.*

This section became effective September 30, 2015.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 27 of S.L. 2015-263 reduces the penalty for failure to guard a fire by watchman from a Class 3 misdemeanor to an infraction. Article 22 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes contains several similar violations with more severe penalties:

- G.S. 14-136, Setting fire to grass and brushlands and woodlands, punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor or a Class I felony.
- G.S. 14-137, Willfully or negligently setting fire to woods and fields, punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor.
- G.S. 14-138.1, Setting fire to grassland, brushland, or woodland, punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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