

HOUSE BILL 225: Attempted Robbery is Lesser Included.

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Committee: House Judiciary II

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OVERVIEW: The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 225 would clarify that attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon is a lesser included offense of robbery with a dangerous weapon.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for House Bill 225 would clarify that attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon is a lesser included offense of robbery with a dangerous weapon, and that if the evidence would support a conviction of robbery with a dangerous weapon, it will also support a conviction of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

BACKGROUND: This First Edition of this bill is a recommendation of The Courts Commission.

The North Carolina Court of Appeals ruled in <u>State v. McCoy</u>, 207 N.C. App. 378 (2010) (unpublished) that attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon was not a lesser included offense of robbery with a dangerous weapon. The result of the particular case was that charges of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon were dismissed because it came out in trial that the defendant did take some item of value in the course of events, and, therefore, actually committed robbery with a dangerous weapon, which the defendant was not charged with.

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