



HOUSE BILL 98: Criminal Offense/Vandalize Fire & EMS Equipment.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Jennifer H. Bedford Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	S.L. 2017-89		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2017-89 creates the specific criminal offense of intentionally damaging equipment used for fire-fighting or emergency medical services. This act is effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.*

CURRENT LAW: It is unlawful to willfully and wantonly injure the personal property of another pursuant to G.S. 14-160. This offense is a Class 2 misdemeanor unless the damage is in excess of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) making it a Class 1 misdemeanor.

BILL ANALYSIS: S.L. 2017-89 makes it unlawful to intentionally injure, destroy, remove, vandalize, tamper, or interfere with machinery, equipment, or vehicles with the intent to temporarily or permanently prevent their useful operation by fire department, North Carolina Forest Service, and emergency medical service personnel.

A person convicted of this offense is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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

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