



HOUSE BILL 743: Remove ID Mark/Increase Punishment.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 743 would make the alteration or destruction of an identifying number from personal property or certain machinery punishable as a Class H felony if the value of the property is more than \$1,000.*

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 1 of the bill would modify G.S. 14-160.1 to make the alteration or destruction of an identifying number from any item of personal property punishable as a Class H felony if the value of the property was more than \$1,000 at the time of the offense.

Section 2 of the bill would modify G.S. 14-401.4 to make the alteration or destruction of an identifying number from any machine or other apparatus, including but not limited to farm equipment, machinery, and apparatus, punishable as a Class H felony if the value of the property was more than \$1,000 at the time of the offense.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

BACKGROUND: A Class H felony is punishable by a minimum of 4 months community punishment and an absolute maximum of 42 months active punishment depending on the defendant's prior criminal convictions.

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