



HOUSE BILL 761: Police Vehicle and Equipment Protection Act.

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Committee:		Date:	February 28, 2022
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Jennifer H. Bedford
Analysis of:	S.L. 2021-167		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2021-167 does the following:*

- *Increases the penalty for breaking or entering into a vehicle owned by a law enforcement agency.*
- *Creates two new felony offenses for theft of equipment owned by a law enforcement agency.*

This act became effective December 1, 2021, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:

G.S. 14-56

Breaking or entering into a railroad car, motor vehicle, trailer, aircraft, boat, or other watercraft of any kind, with the intent to commit a felony or larceny, is a Class I felony.

This act increases the penalty for breaking or entering into a vehicle to a Class H felony if the vehicle is owned by a law enforcement agency or the military, and the defendant knew or reasonably should have known that the vehicle was owned by a law enforcement agency or the military.

G.S. 14-72

Larceny of goods valued at more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and larceny of any firearm, is a Class H felony.

This act also creates the following felonies:

- A Class H felony for theft of law enforcement equipment.
- A Class G felony for theft of law enforcement equipment valued in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

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