



SENATE BILL 246: Property Owners Protection Act.

**This Bill Analysis
reflects the contents
of the bill as it was
presented in
committee.**

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Committee:	Senate Judiciary. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	March 28, 2023
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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 246 would modify the law of first degree trespass to include entering or remaining on the premises of another between the hours of midnight and 6:00 A.M.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 14-159.12, first degree trespass, prohibits a person from entering or remaining in the following areas:

- The premises of another that is enclosed or secured.
- A building of another.
- On the lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians after the person has been excluded.

First degree trespass is generally punished as a Class 2 misdemeanor, but certain listed aggravating factors may increase the punishment level.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 246 would modify G.S. 14-159.12 by making entering or remaining in the following area a violation of first degree trespass:

- The premises of another between the hours of midnight and 6:00 A.M.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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