



2023-2024 General Assembly

# SENATE BILL 582: North Carolina Farm Act of 2023, Sec. 5.1: Conform Penalties for Assault With a Deadly Weapon on Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Inspectors

**Committee:**  
**Introduced by:**  
**Analysis of:** Sec. 5.1 of S.L. 2023-63

**Date:** November 29, 2023  
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**OVERVIEW:** *Section 5.1 of S.L. 2023-63 makes the penalty for assault with a deadly weapon on an inspector from the Sleep Products Division of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Department) or a poultry inspector from the Meat and Poultry Inspection Division a Class A1 misdemeanor.*

*This bill was vetoed by the Governor on June 23, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on June 27, 2023.*

*This section became effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.*

## BACKGROUND AND BILL ANALYSIS:

The standard penalty for assault with a deadly weapon pursuant to G.S. 14-33(c)(1) is a Class A1 misdemeanor. Under prior law, the penalty for assault with a deadly weapon against an inspector from the Sleep Products Division of the Department or a poultry inspector from the Meat and Poultry Inspection Division was a Class 1 misdemeanor. For a first offense, a Class A1 misdemeanor is punishable by up to 60 days in jail, while a Class 1 misdemeanor is punishable by up to 45 days of community punishment.

**Section 5.1** makes the penalty for assault with a deadly weapon on an inspector from the Sleep Products Division of the Department or a poultry inspector from the Meat and Poultry Inspection Division a Class A1 misdemeanor.

## EFFECTIVE DATE:

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