



2025-2026 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 401: NC Farm Act of 2025-2026, Sec. 16: Increase Penalty for a Second or Subsequent Offense for Larceny of Crops and for Robbing or Injuring Aquaculture Operations.

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-11, Sec. 16

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Section 16 of S.L. 2026-11 (Senate Bill 401) increases the penalty for the theft of ungathered crops or the theft or injury of aquaculture resources as follows:

- Adds a fine of \$250 for a first offense and \$500 for a second or subsequent offense.
- From a Class H felony to a Class G felony for a second or subsequent offense.

A first offense for either crime would still be punishable by a Class H felony, in addition to the new \$250 fine.

This section becomes effective December 1, 2026, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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