



SENATE BILL 429: 2025 Public Safety Act, Sec. 14: Increase Punishment for Fentanyl Offenses

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Section 14 of S.L. 2025-70 (Senate Bill 429) modifies the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act to provide for increased penalties related to the possession and sale of fentanyl and carfentanil. The punishment is increased as provided below:

- Possession of fentanyl and carfentanil is increased from a Class I felony to a Class H felony.
- Sale, delivery, and possession with intent to sell or deliver fentanyl and carfentanil is increased from a Class G felony to a Class F felony.
- Trafficking offenses for possession of fentanyl and carfentanil are increased as provided below:
 - 4 grams or more, but less than 14 grams is increased from a Class F felony to a Class E felony.
 - 14 grams or more, but less than 28 grams is increased from a Class E felony to a Class D felony.
 - 28 grams or more remains a Class C felony.

This section becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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