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**S 1069. CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION-2.** *TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION, TO ENHANCE THE PENALTY FOR IMPERSONATING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR OTHER PUBLIC OFFICERS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO RAISE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR IMPERSONATING EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICERS.* Adds new GS 14-100.1 to make it a crime to assume a false identity without legal purpose or to defraud or injure another or to unjustly obtain a benefit from another. Violation is Class A1 misdemeanor except, if done to avoid being charged with traffic matter involving accident causing death or serious injury, is Class F felony and if traffic matter with no such accident involved, is Class H felony. Amends GS 14-276.1 (impersonating firefighter or emergency medical personnel) to raise to Class 2 misdemeanor. Amends GS 14-277 to raise punishment from misdemeanor to Class H felony for person to impersonate law enforcement officer and detain or search person or operate vehicle with lights suggesting he or she is officer. Adds section making it Class F felony to cause physical injury to another during course of violation of this statute, or to commit another felony while impersonating an officer. Effective Dec. 1, 1999 and applies to offenses committed on or after that date

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