

April 10, 2003

H 1091. PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL INDOOR PYRO. TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR INDOOR PYROTECHNICS EXHIBITIONS CONDUCTED WITHOUT A PERMIT, AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR MULTIPLE RELATED ACTIVITIES IN VIOLATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE. Amends GS 14-415 to make it a class 1 misdemeanor to knowingly conduct an indoor pyrotechnics exhibition without a permit. Amends GS 143-138(h) to make it a class 1 misdemeanor to knowingly conduct any indoor pyrotechnic exhibition without a permit under the state building code or GS 14-413, and to make it a class 2 misdemeanor to knowingly do two or more of the following and a class 1 misdemeanor to knowingly do three of the following: (1) use plastic foam or other combustible materials as interior finish or trim except as permitted by the state building code, (2) exceed the occupancy limit in a building that is a place of public assembly in violation of the state building code, (3) lock or block access to exit doors in a public building that is a place of public assembly in violation of the state building code. Provides that a fine imposed for a class 1 misdemeanor under GS 143-138(h) shall not exceed \$2,000. Effective Dec. 1, 2003.

Intro. by Goodwin, Blackwood, Dickson.

Ref. to Judiciary II	GS 14
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H 1091. PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL INDOOR PYROTECHNICS. Intro. 4/10/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. (1) Amends proposed amendment of GS 14-415 by deleting the phrase "and is knowingly conducted without a permit. " (2) Deletes the proposed amendment of GS 143-138(h), which would have made it a Class 1 misdemeanor knowingly to conduct an indoor pyrotechnic exhibition without a permit under the NC Building Code or under GS 14-413. (3) Deletes in its entirety proposed new subsection (h1) of GS 143-138, which would have made it a Class 2 misdemeanor knowingly to do two or more of the following and a Class 1 misdemeanor knowingly to do three of the following: (i) use plastic foam or other combustible materials as interior finish or trim except as permitted by the State Building Code; (ii) exceed the occupancy limit of a building that is a place of public assembly in violation of the State Building Code; or (iii) lock or block access to exit doors in a public building that is a place of public assembly in violation of the State Building Code.