

April 10, 2003

**H 1156. FIREFIGHTERS & RESCUE WORKERS/ARSON.** *TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN OFFENSES SHALL NOT BE EMPLOYED BY FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR RESCUE SQUADS FOR SPECIFIED PERIODS AFTER THE CONVICTIONS, TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR MAKING APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR RESCUE SQUADS WITHIN THOSE SPECIFIED PERIODS, AND TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN ACTS WHILE A MEMBER OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR RESCUE SQUAD.* Adds new GS 14-69.3 as title indicates, making certain violations of GS 14-58 through 14-67.1 by fire department or rescue squad employees a Class H felony and making application for employment within 10 years of conviction of such offenses involving property valued at more than \$25,000 a Class 1 misdemeanor. Provides that no persons convicted of such offenses after the age of 16 shall be employed within five years of conviction for burning property valued under \$25,000, and 10 years if convicted of burning property valued in excess of \$25,000. Effective Dec. 1, 2003.

**Intro. by Warren.**

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