

March 17, 2005

**H 687. PIRATING MOVIES. TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF AN AUDIOVISUAL RECORDING DEVICE.** Enacts new GS 14-440.1 to make it a criminal offense for a person to operate the recording function of any device in a motion picture theater while a motion picture is being shown, without the theater owner's consent. Makes first offense a Class 1 misdemeanor and second and subsequent offenses a Class I felony. Grants owner of theater immunity for reasonable actions taken by owner or lessee to detain suspect and alert law enforcement authorities of suspected violation of section. Section does not apply to authorized governmental investigative activities. Effective December 1, 2005, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**Intro. by Gibson.**

Ref. to Judiciary IV

GS 14

May 2, 2005

**H 687. PIRATING MOVIES.** Intro. 3/17/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Also makes it a criminal offense for a person to attempt to operate an audiovisual recording device in a motion picture theater while a motion picture is being shown. Clarifies that upon a person's conviction of offense, the court may order the forfeiture and destruction of all unauthorized copies of motion pictures or other audiovisual works (was, "all infringing articles"). Makes technical changes.

July 18, 2005

**H 687. PIRATING MOVIES.** Intro. 3/17/05. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Provides that the operator of a motion picture theater will not be held civilly liable for claims arising from the detention of individuals suspected of violating section as long as operator had probable cause to believe (was, good faith belief) that the person committed offense and the detention was done in a reasonable manner and for a reasonable length of time. Also requires that if operator detains a person under 18 years of age, operator must make a reasonable effort to notify the parent or guardian of the person's detention. Makes technical changes.

August 23, 2005

**SL 2005-301 (H 687). PIRATING MOVIES. AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF AN AUDIOVISUAL RECORDING DEVICE.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/17/05, 5/2/05, and 7/18/05. Enacted August 22, 2005. Effective December 1, 2005.