

March 24, 2005

S 972. BREAK INTO PLACE OF WORSHIP. TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING A BUILDING THAT IS A PLACE OF WORSHIP. Enacts new GS 14-56.4 as title indicates. Violation is a Class G felony unless it is either the offender's second or subsequent offense or the offender breaks into two or more separate buildings; in those cases it is a Class F felony. Defines place of worship as church, chapel, meetinghouse, synagogue, temple, or mosque. Effective December 1, 2005, for offenses occurring on or after that date.

Intro. by Smith.

Ref. to Judiciary I

GS 14

April 27, 2005

S 972. BREAK INTO PLACE OF WORSHIP. Intro. 3/24/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds new GS 14-54.1 (was GS 14-56.4). Adds modifier "religious" to term "worship," making statute applicable to breaking or entering a building that is a place of "religious worship." Adds provision requiring intent to commit felony or larceny in place of religious worship to constitute Class G felony. Expands definition of "building that is a place of religious worship" to include a building regularly used and clearly identifiable as a place for religious worship.

July 18, 2005

S 972. BREAK INTO PLACE OF WORSHIP. Intro. 3/24/05. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Decreases penalty for violation of section from a Class F to a Class G felony. Adds "longhouse" to the list of buildings included in the definition of "building that is a place of religious worship."

August 1, 2005

SL 2005-235 (S 972). BREAK INTO PLACE OF WORSHIP. AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING A BUILDING THAT IS A PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/24/05, 4/27/05, and 7/18/05. Enacted July 29, 2005. Effective December 1, 2005.