

February 7, 2007

**H 105. MODIFY LAWS FOR DESECRATING GRAVES.** Filed 2/7/07. *TO MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING THE DESECRATION OF A GRAVE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ABANDONED CEMETERIES.* Reorganizes GS 14-148 and GS 14-149 to increase penalties for crimes related to disturbing or tampering with graves. Disturbing markers or ornamentation increases from a Class 1 misdemeanor to a Class I felony. Disturbing human remains without consent from the deceased's next of kin increases from a Class I to Class H felony. Makes technical changes. Effective for offenses committed on or after December 1, 2007.

**Intro. by Justus.**

GS 14

April 24, 2007

**H 105. MODIFY LAWS FOR DESECRATING GRAVES.** Filed 2/7/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 14-148 to remove the provisions limiting the statute to actions causing damage of less than \$1,000. Provides that the section also does not apply to: (1) the ordinary maintenance and care of a cemetery by the owner, caretaker, or other person keeping the cemetery free from debris and signs of neglect; or (2) conduct punishable under GS 14-149. Also makes violations of the section a Class I felony if the damage caused is \$1,000 or more. Corrects the statutory reference to restitution or reparation as a condition of probation. Amends GS 14-149 to reorganize the statute and make conforming changes. Also provides that the prohibition against taking away, disturbing, vandalizing, destroying, tampering with, or defacing any tombstone, monument, ornamentation, or artifacts does not apply to the maintenance and care of a cemetery. Makes technical changes to the effective date.

June 29, 2007

**SL 2007-122 (H 105). MODIFY LAWS FOR DESECRATING GRAVES. AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING THE DESECRATION OF A GRAVE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE STUDY COMMITTEE ON ABANDONED CEMETERIES.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 2/7/07 and 4/24/07. Enacted June 27, 2007. Effective December 1, 2007.