

March 27, 2007

H 1094. INCREASE PENALTIES FOR AUDIOVISUAL PIRACY. Filed 3/27/07. *TO STRENGTHEN THE PUNISHMENTS FOR UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF AN AUDIOVISUAL RECORDING DEVICE.*

Amends GS 14-440.1 to make it a Class I felony (was, a Class 1 misdemeanor for the first offense and Class I felony only for second or subsequent offenses) to operate an audiovisual recording device to record, transmit, or otherwise make a copy of a motion picture without the written consent of the motion picture theater owner. Provides for a minimum fine of \$2,500 for a first offense and \$5,000 for second or subsequent offenses. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2007.

Intro. by Steen.

GS 14

August 1, 2007

H 1094. INCREASE PENALTIES FOR AUDIOVISUAL PIRACY. Filed 3/27/07. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Modifies GS 14-440.1 to remove reference to a photographic camera from the definition of *audiovisual recording device*. Also adds new subsection (a1) making it a Class 1 misdemeanor to knowingly operate or attempt to operate a device that functions as a digital or analog photographic camera for the purpose of recording, copying, or transmitting a part of a movie without the consent of the theater owner. Makes technical and conforming changes but retains language stating that any violation of the statute is a felony. Amends the title.

September 4, 2007

SL 2007-463 (H 1094). INCREASE PENALTIES FOR AUDIOVISUAL PIRACY. AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PUNISHMENTS FOR UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF AN AUDIOVISUAL RECORDING DEVICE. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/27/07 and 8/1/07. Enacted August 28, 2007. Effective December 1, 2007.