

March 26, 2009

**S 990. INCREASE PENALTY/TIMBER THEFT.** Filed 3/25/09. *TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR CUTTING, INJURING, OR REMOVING ANOTHER'S TIMBER RESULTING IN DAMAGES THAT EXCEED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.*

Amends GS 14-135 as title indicates to provide that if the damage caused is \$2,500 or less, the offense is a Class 1 misdemeanor; if the damage is more than \$2,500, the offense is a Class I felony. Effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

**Intro. by Davis.**

GS 14

May 13, 2009

**S 990. INCREASE PENALTY/TIMBER THEFT.** Filed 3/25/09. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical changes only.

May 14, 2009

**S 990. INCREASE PENALTY/TIMBER THEFT.** Filed 3/25/09. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 14-135 to exempt a lessee of property who removes a fallen tree or log that poses an imminent threat to persons or property from being subject to criminal penalties for knowingly and willfully cutting down, injuring, or removing any standing, growing, or fallen tree or log on the property of another. Makes conforming changes.

June 2, 2009

**S 990. INCREASE PENALTY/TIMBER THEFT.** Filed 3/25/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Provides that if the damage caused by a violation of GS 14-135(a) is (1) \$1,000 (was, \$2,500) or less, then the offense is a Class 1 misdemeanor or (2) more than \$1,000 (was, \$2,500), then the offense is a Class I felony.

August 4, 2009

**S 990. INCREASE PENALTY/TIMBER THEFT.** Filed 3/25/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends GS 14-135 to provide that cutting, injuring, or removing another's timber is to be punished as in GS 14-72 (was, Class 1 misdemeanor if damage is \$1,000 or less and Class I felony if damage is more than \$1,000), which makes larceny of goods with a value of more than \$1,000 a Class H felony and, unless provided otherwise in the statute, a Class 1 misdemeanor for property where the value is not more than \$1,000.

August 5, 2009

**S 990. INCREASE PENALTY/TIMBER THEFT.** Filed 3/25/09. House amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Deletes proposed GS 14-135(b), which provided that subsection (a) does not apply to a lessee of property who removes a fallen tree or log that poses an imminent threat to persons or property.

September 1, 2009

**SL 2009-508 (S 990). INCREASE PENALTY/TIMBER THEFT. AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR CUTTING, INJURING, OR REMOVING ANOTHER'S TIMBER RESULTING IN DAMAGES THAT EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/26/09, 5/13/09, 5/14/09, 6/2/09, 8/4/09, and 8/5/09. Enacted August 26, 2009. Effective December 1, 2009.