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Short Title: Increase Penalty/Timber Theft.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR CUTTING, INJURING, OR
REMOVING ANOTHER'S TIMBER RESULTING IN DAMAGES THAT EXCEED
ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-135 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-135. **Cutting, injuring, or removing another's timber.**

(a) If any person not being the bona fide owner thereof, shall knowingly and willfully cut down, injure or remove any standing, growing or fallen tree or ~~log~~, log off the property of another, ~~he~~ the person shall be ~~guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.~~ punished the same as in G.S. 14-72.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to a lessee of property who removes a fallen tree or log that poses an imminent threat to persons or property."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.



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