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SENATE DRS25124-MG-94 (03/11)

Short Title: Protect MH/DD/SA Clients From Abuse. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator D. Davis (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT ESTABLISHING HIGHER PENALTIES FOR REPEATED FAILURE TO  
3 REPORT ABUSE, EXPLOITATION, OR ACCIDENTAL INJURIES OF CLIENTS IN  
4 FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE CARE AND TREATMENT FOR MENTAL ILLNESS,  
5 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 122C-66(b) reads as rewritten:  
8 "(b) An employee of a facility who witnesses or has knowledge of a violation of  
9 subsection (a) or of an accidental injury to a client shall report the violation or accidental injury  
10 to authorized personnel designated by the facility. A first violation of this subsection is a Class  
11 3 misdemeanor punishable only by a fine, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). A  
12 repeated violation of this subsection is a Class 1 misdemeanor. No employee making a report  
13 may be threatened or harassed by any other employee or volunteer on account of the report.  
14 ~~Violation of this subsection is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable only by a fine, not to exceed~~  
15 ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."~~  
16 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to  
17 violations occurring on or after that date.

