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HOUSE DRH40333-LH-147 (03/26)

Short Title: Amend Prop Damage Offenses.

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Sponsors: Representative Reives.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THE WILLFUL AND  
3 WANTON INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY OR REAL PROPERTY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 14-160 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 14-160. Willful and wanton injury to personal property; punishments.

7 (a) If any person shall wantonly and willfully injure the personal property of another he  
8 shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

9 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection ~~(a)~~, (a) of this section, if any person  
10 shall wantonly and willfully injure the personal property of another, causing ~~damage in an~~  
11 ~~amount in excess of two hundred dollars (\$200.00)~~, he shall be guilty of a Class 1  
12 ~~misdemeanor~~. damage, the person shall be guilty of an offense punishable as follows:

13 (1) If the damage is more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), but is ten  
14 thousand dollars (\$10,000) or less, the person shall be guilty of a Class 1  
15 misdemeanor.

16 (2) If the damage is more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), but is one  
17 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less, the person shall be guilty of a  
18 Class I felony.

19 (3) If the damage is more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), the  
20 person shall be guilty of a Class F felony.

21 (c) This section applies to injuries to personal property without regard to whether the  
22 property is destroyed or not."

23 SECTION 2. G.S. 14-127 reads as rewritten:

24 "§ 14-127. Willful and wanton injury to real property.

25 If any person shall willfully and wantonly damage, injure or destroy any real property  
26 whatsoever, either of a public or private nature, ~~he shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor~~. the  
27 person shall be guilty of an offense punishable as follows:

28 (1) If the damage is two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or less, the person shall be  
29 guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

30 (2) If the damage is more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), but is fifty  
31 thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less, the person shall be guilty of a Class 1  
32 misdemeanor.

33 (3) If the damage is more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), but is one  
34 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) or less, the person shall be guilty  
35 of a Class I felony.



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1                   (4)   If the damage is more than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000),  
2                               the person shall be guilty of a Class F felony."

3                   **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to  
4 offenses committed on or after that date.