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HOUSE BILL DRH30209-ML-113

Short Title: Revise Law/Obstruction of Health Facility. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Greenfield.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF OBSTRUCTION OF HEALTH CARE  
3 FACILITIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 14-277.4 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 14-277.4. Obstruction of health care facilities.

7 (a) No person shall obstruct or block another person's access to or egress from a health  
8 care facility or from the common areas of the real property upon which the facility is located in  
9 a manner that deprives or delays the person from obtaining or providing health care services in  
10 the facility.

11 (b) No person shall injure or threaten to injure a person who is or has ~~been~~ been doing  
12 any of the following:

- 13 (1) Obtaining health care ~~services;~~ services.  
14 (2) Lawfully aiding another to obtain health care ~~services;~~ or services.  
15 (3) Providing health care services.

16 (b1) No person shall knowingly approach another person within 8 feet of such person,  
17 unless such other person consents, for the purpose of passing a leaflet or handbill to, displaying  
18 a sign to, or engaging in oral protest, education, or counseling with such other person in the public  
19 way or sidewalk area within a radius of 100 feet from any entrance door to a health care facility.

20 (c) A violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. ~~A second~~  
21 ~~conviction for a violation of either subsection (a) or (b) of this section within three years of the~~  
22 ~~first shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. A ~~third~~ second or subsequent conviction for~~  
23 a violation of either subsection (a) or (b) of this section within three years of the ~~second or~~ most  
24 recent conviction shall be punishable as a Class I felony.

25 ...."

26 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses  
27 committed on or after that date.

