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HOUSE BILL DRH40043-ML-9

Short Title: Defense Against Porch Pirates Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Logan.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LARCENY OF MAIL.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known as "The Defense Against Porch Pirates Act."

5 **SECTION 2.** Article 16 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
6 a new section to read:

7 "**§ 14-72.10. Larceny of mail.**

8 (a) Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term "mail" means a letter, package,  
9 bag, or other item of value sent or delivered to another.

10 (b) Offense. – A person is guilty of the offense of larceny of mail if the person does either  
11 of the following:

12 (1) Unlawfully takes, or exercises unlawful control over, the mail of another  
13 person with the intent to deprive the other person of that mail.

14 (2) Unlawfully transfers, or exercises unlawful control over, the mail of another  
15 person or an interest in the mail of another person with the intent to benefit  
16 the person or another person not entitled to that mail or interest in that mail.

17 (c) Punishment. – Unless covered under some other provision of law providing greater  
18 punishment, a violation of this section is punishable as follows:

19 (1) A Class A1 misdemeanor if the offense is a first offense and the value of the  
20 mail is less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

21 (2) A Class G felony if the offense is a second offense and the value of the mail  
22 is less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

23 (3) A Class E felony if the offense is a first or second offense and the value of the  
24 mail is two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or more.

25 (4) A Class D felony if the offense is a third or subsequent offense or if the value  
26 of the mail exceeds two thousand dollars (\$2,000)."

27 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses  
28 committed on or after that date.

