GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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H 1 **HOUSE BILL 908** Short Title: Robbery with Chemical Agent. (Public) Sponsors: Representatives Gillespie; Baker, Buchanan, Capps, Culp, Eddins, Esposito, Gardner, Holmes, Howard, Kiser, McLawhorn, Melton, Mitchell, Morris, Neely, Owens, Preston, Rayfield, Setzer, Smith, Thomas, and Walend. Referred to: Judiciary III. April 5, 1999 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF ROBBERY WITH A CHEMICAL AGENT. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: Section 1. Article 17 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-87.2. Robbery with a dangerous chemical agent.

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- (a) Unless covered under some other provision of law providing greater punishment, a person who commits robbery and who displays, uses, or who possesses and threatens to use a dangerous chemical at the time of the robbery is guilty of a Class E felony.
- (b) Unless covered under some other provision of law providing greater punishment, any person who aids or abets another person in a violation of this section is guilty of a Class E felony.
 - (c) The following definitions apply in this section:
 - (1) Robbery. As defined at common law.
 - <u>Dangerous chemical. Any chemical agent that causes incapacitation</u> <u>by impairment to vision or respiration, or that acts as a skin irritant</u> <u>including: mace, tear gas, and pepper spray."</u>

Section 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1999, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.