

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1100*

Short Title: Break Into Place of Worship. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Walker, Bell, Langdon, Cleveland (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Allred, Almond, Barnhart, Capps, Earle, Eddins, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Frye, Gibson, Glazier, Hilton, Holloway, Holmes, Howard, Jones, Justus, Kiser, LaRoque, Luebke, McComas, McGee, Moore, Pierce, Preston, Rayfield, Sauls, Setzer, Sherrill, Stam, Starnes, Stiller, Wainwright, Walend, West, Wilson, and Wray.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

April 4, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING
A BUILDING THAT IS A PLACE OF WORSHIP.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-56.4. Breaking or entering a building that is a place of worship.

(a) Any person who wrongfully breaks or enters any building that is a place of worship is guilty of a Class G felony except as provided by subsection (b) of this section.

(b) A person is guilty of a Class F felony, if:

(1) The person breaks or enters two or more buildings that are places of worship; or

(2) The person is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) As used in this section, a "building that is a place of worship" shall be construed to include any church, chapel, meetinghouse, synagogue, temple, or mosque."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.