

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 123

Short Title: Increase 2nd Degree Arson Penalty.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Russell; and Sherrill.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

February 15, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR SECOND DEGREE ARSON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-58 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-58. Punishment for arson.

There shall be two degrees of arson as defined at the common law. If the dwelling burned was occupied at the time of the burning, the offense is arson in the first degree and is punishable as a Class D felony. If the dwelling burned was unoccupied at the time of the burning, the offense is arson in the second degree and is punishable as a Class ~~G~~E felony."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2001, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.