

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH50096-LH-58 (2/20)

Short Title: Stalking/Supervised Probation Is Minimum.

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Sponsors: Representative Setzer.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF STALKING WHO IS SENTENCED TO A COMMUNITY PUNISHMENT SHALL BE PLACED ON SUPERVISED PROBATION IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PUNISHMENT IMPOSED BY THE COURT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-277.3(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Classification. – A violation of this section is a Class A1 misdemeanor. A person who commits the offense of stalking when there is a court order in effect prohibiting similar behavior by that person is guilty of a Class H felony. A person who commits the offense of stalking after having been previously convicted of a stalking offense is guilty of a Class F felony. Notwithstanding the sentencing dispositions in G.S. 15A-1340.23 or G.S. 15A-1340.17, a person convicted of an offense under this section who is sentenced to a community punishment shall be placed on supervised probation in addition to any other punishment imposed by the court."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2003, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.