

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 138

Short Title: Damage Jail & Prison Fire Sprinkler/Penalty. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Shepard, McNeill, C. Smith, and Cleveland (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Judiciary, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 25, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR WILLFULLY INTERFERING WITH,
DAMAGING, DEFACING, MOLESTING, OR INJURING ANY PART OR PORTION OF
A FIRE-ALARM, FIRE-DETECTION, SMOKE-DETECTION, OR
FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM IN A PRISON OR LOCAL CONFINEMENT
FACILITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-286 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-286. Giving false fire alarms; molesting fire-alarm, fire-detection or
fire-extinguishing system.

(a) Offense. – It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to wantonly and willfully give or cause to be given, or to advise, counsel, or aid and abet anyone in giving, a false alarm of fire, or to break the glass key protector, or to pull the slide, arm, or lever of any station or signal box of any fire-alarm system, except in case of fire, or willfully misuse or damage a portable fire extinguisher, or in any way to willfully interfere with, damage, deface, molest, or injure any part or portion of any fire-alarm, fire-detection, smoke-detection or fire-extinguishing system.

(b) Penalty. – Any person who willfully interferes with, damages, defaces, molests, or injures any part or portion of a fire-alarm, fire-detection, smoke-detection, or fire-extinguishing system in a prison or local confinement facility is guilty of a Class I felony. Any other person violating any of the provisions who commits a violation of this section shall be is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. For purposes of this subsection, the term "local confinement facility" means a county or city jail, a local lockup, or a detention facility for adults operated by a local government.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

