

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

EXTRA SESSION 1994

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HOUSE BILL 3*

Short Title: Brutal Rape/Life without Parole.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives G. Miller; Alphin, Arnold, Baddour, Barbee, Beall, Berry, Black, Bowie, Bowman, Brawley, Burton, Church, Crawford, Cromer, Culp, Cummings, Cunningham, Decker, Diamont, Dickson, Easterling, Esposito, Gardner, Gottovi, Griffin, Hall, Hightower, Hill, Hunt, H. Hunter, R. Hunter, Ives, Jarrell, Jeffus, Jenkins, Joye, Kuczmarski, Lemmond, Lutz, Mavretic, McCombs, McCrary, McLaughlin, McLawhorn, Mercer, Mitchell, Moore, Mosley, Nichols, C. Preston, Ramsey, Redwine, Robinson, Russell, Sexton, Smith, Spears, Stewart, Sutton, Thompson, Wainwright, Warner, Wilkins, Wilmoth, Wood, Wright, and Yongue.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

February 8, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON CONVICTED OF A RAPE OR SEX
3 OFFENSE THAT THE COURT FINDS TO BE ESPECIALLY HEINOUS,
4 ATROCIOUS, OR CRUEL SHALL BE SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT
5 WITHOUT PAROLE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 14-27.2(b) reads as rewritten:

8 "(b) Any person who commits an offense defined in this section is guilty of a
9 Class B felony. If the court finds that the offense was especially heinous, atrocious, or
10 cruel, the court shall sentence the person to life imprisonment without parole."

11 Sec. 2. G.S. 14-27.4(b) reads as rewritten:

12 "(b) Any person who commits an offense defined in this section is guilty of a
13 Class B felony. If the court finds that the offense was especially heinous, atrocious, or
14 cruel, the court shall sentence the person to life imprisonment without parole."

15 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective March 1, 1994, and applies to offenses
16 committed on or after that date.