

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 393

Short Title: Felony/Steal Or Cut Another's Timber. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Weinstein; Albertson, Apodaca, Atwater, Brock, Dannelly,  
Malone, Snow, Stevens, and Swindell.

Referred to: Judiciary II (Criminal).

February 28, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR CUTTING, INJURING,  
OR REMOVING ANOTHER'S TIMBER RESULTING IN DAMAGES THAT  
EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-135 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-135. **Cutting, injuring, or removing another's timber.**

If any person not being the bona fide owner thereof, shall knowingly and willfully  
cut down, injure or remove any standing, growing or fallen tree or log, the property of  
another, he shall be guilty of a ~~Class 1 misdemeanor~~ criminal offense as follows:

(1) If the damage caused by a violation of this section is one thousand  
dollars (\$1,000) or less, then the offense is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

(2) If the damage caused by a violation of this section is more than one  
thousand dollars (\$1,000), then the offense is a Class I felony."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2007, and applies to  
offenses committed on or after that date.