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HOUSE BILL DRH50062-LR-91M\* (03/17)

Short Title: Enhanced Penalty for Second Degree Trespass. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Brenden Jones, Murphy, Grange, and Malone (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR SECOND DEGREE TRESPASS ONTO  
3 CERTAIN PREMISES.  
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
5 SECTION 1. G.S. 14-159.13 reads as rewritten:  
6 "§ 14-159.13. Second degree trespass.  
7 (a) Offense. – A person commits the offense of second degree trespass if, without  
8 authorization, he enters or remains on premises of another:  
9 (1) After he has been notified not to enter or remain there by the owner, by a  
10 person in charge of the premises, by a lawful occupant, or by another  
11 authorized person; or  
12 (2) That are posted, in a manner reasonably likely to come to the attention of  
13 intruders, with notice not to enter the premises.  
14 (b) Classification. – ~~Second~~ Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, second  
15 degree trespass is a Class 3 misdemeanor.  
16 (c) A violation of subsection (a) of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor if the offense  
17 occurs in a multi-occupancy bathroom, shower, or changing facility."  
18 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to  
19 offenses committed on or after that date.

