

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

**SESSION LAW 2009-556
SENATE BILL 488**

AN ACT TO MAKE THE INCREASE IN SENTENCE LENGTHS BETWEEN PRIOR RECORD LEVELS MORE PROPORTIONATE USING A SET PERCENTAGE INCREMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 15A-1340.17(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Punishments for Each Class of Offense and Prior Record Level; Punishment Chart Described. – The authorized punishment for each class of offense and prior record level is as specified in the chart below. Prior record levels are indicated by the Roman numerals placed horizontally on the top of the chart. Classes of offense are indicated by the letters placed vertically on the left side of the chart. Each cell on the chart contains the following components:

- (1) A sentence disposition or dispositions: "C" indicates that a community punishment is authorized; "I" indicates that an intermediate punishment is authorized; "A" indicates that an active punishment is authorized; and "Life Imprisonment Without Parole" indicates that the defendant shall be imprisoned for the remainder of the prisoner's natural life.
- (2) A presumptive range of minimum durations, if the sentence of imprisonment is neither aggravated or mitigated; any minimum term of imprisonment in that range is permitted unless the court finds pursuant to G.S. 15A-1340.16 that an aggravated or mitigated sentence is appropriate. The presumptive range is the middle of the three ranges in the cell.
- (3) A mitigated range of minimum durations if the court finds pursuant to G.S. 15A-1340.16 that a mitigated sentence of imprisonment is justified; in such a case, any minimum term of imprisonment in the mitigated range is permitted. The mitigated range is the lower of the three ranges in the cell.
- (4) An aggravated range of minimum durations if the court finds pursuant to G.S. 15A-1340.16 that an aggravated sentence of imprisonment is justified; in such a case, any minimum term of imprisonment in the aggravated range is permitted. The aggravated range is the higher of the three ranges in the cell.

PRIOR RECORD LEVEL

	I 0 Pts	II 1-4 Pts	III 5-8 Pts	IV 9-14 Pts	V 15-18 Pts	VI 19+ Pts	
A	Life Imprisonment Without Parole or Death as Established by Statute						
	A	A	A	A	A	A	DISPOSITION
	240-300	288-360	336-420	384-480	Life Imprisonment Without Parole		Aggravated
B1	192-240	230-288	269-336	307-384	346-433	384-480	PRESUMPTIVE
	144-192	173-230	202-269	230-307	260-346	288-384	Mitigated
	240-300	276-345	317-397	365-456	Life Imprisonment Without Parole		Aggravated
B1	192-240	221-276	254-317	292-365	336-420	386-483	PRESUMPTIVE
	144-192	166-221	190-254	219-292	252-336	290-386	Mitigated
	A	A	A	A	A	A	DISPOSITION
	157-196	189-237	220-276	251-313	282-353	313-392	Aggravated



B2	<u>125-157</u>	<u>151-189</u>	<u>176-220</u>	<u>201-251</u>	<u>225-282</u>	<u>251-313</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>94-125</u>	<u>114-151</u>	<u>132-176</u>	<u>151-201</u>	<u>169-225</u>	<u>188-251</u>	Mitigated
	<u>157-196</u>	<u>180-225</u>	<u>207-258</u>	<u>238-297</u>	<u>273-342</u>	<u>314-393</u>	Aggravated
B2	<u>125-157</u>	<u>144-180</u>	<u>165-207</u>	<u>190-238</u>	<u>219-273</u>	<u>251-314</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>94-125</u>	<u>108-144</u>	<u>124-165</u>	<u>143-190</u>	<u>164-219</u>	<u>189-251</u>	Mitigated
	A	A	A	A	A	A	DISPOSITION
E	<u>73-92</u>	<u>100-125</u>	<u>116-145</u>	<u>133-167</u>	<u>151-188</u>	<u>168-210</u>	Aggravated
	<u>58-73</u>	<u>80-100</u>	<u>93-116</u>	<u>107-133</u>	<u>121-151</u>	<u>135-168</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>44-58</u>	<u>60-80</u>	<u>70-93</u>	<u>80-107</u>	<u>90-121</u>	<u>101-135</u>	Mitigated
C	<u>73-92</u>	<u>83-104</u>	<u>96-120</u>	<u>110-138</u>	<u>127-159</u>	<u>146-182</u>	Aggravated
	<u>58-73</u>	<u>67-83</u>	<u>77-96</u>	<u>88-110</u>	<u>101-127</u>	<u>117-146</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>44-58</u>	<u>50-67</u>	<u>58-77</u>	<u>66-88</u>	<u>76-101</u>	<u>87-117</u>	Mitigated
	A	A	A	A	A	A	DISPOSITION
D	<u>64-80</u>	<u>77-95</u>	<u>103-129</u>	<u>117-146</u>	<u>133-167</u>	<u>146-183</u>	Aggravated
	<u>51-64</u>	<u>61-77</u>	<u>82-103</u>	<u>94-117</u>	<u>107-133</u>	<u>117-146</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>38-51</u>	<u>46-61</u>	<u>61-82</u>	<u>71-94</u>	<u>80-107</u>	<u>88-117</u>	Mitigated
D	<u>64-80</u>	<u>73-92</u>	<u>84-105</u>	<u>97-121</u>	<u>111-139</u>	<u>128-160</u>	Aggravated
	<u>51-64</u>	<u>59-73</u>	<u>67-84</u>	<u>78-97</u>	<u>89-111</u>	<u>103-128</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>38-51</u>	<u>44-59</u>	<u>51-67</u>	<u>58-78</u>	<u>67-89</u>	<u>77-103</u>	Mitigated
	I/A	I/A	A	A	A	A	DISPOSITION
E	<u>25-31</u>	<u>29-36</u>	<u>34-42</u>	<u>46-58</u>	<u>53-66</u>	<u>59-74</u>	Aggravated
	<u>20-25</u>	<u>23-29</u>	<u>27-34</u>	<u>37-46</u>	<u>42-53</u>	<u>47-59</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>15-20</u>	<u>17-23</u>	<u>20-27</u>	<u>28-37</u>	<u>32-42</u>	<u>35-47</u>	Mitigated
E	<u>25-31</u>	<u>29-36</u>	<u>33-41</u>	<u>38-48</u>	<u>44-55</u>	<u>50-63</u>	Aggravated
	<u>20-25</u>	<u>23-29</u>	<u>26-33</u>	<u>30-38</u>	<u>35-44</u>	<u>40-50</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>15-20</u>	<u>17-23</u>	<u>20-26</u>	<u>23-30</u>	<u>26-35</u>	<u>30-40</u>	Mitigated
	I/A	I/A	I/A	A	A	A	DISPOSITION
F	<u>16-20</u>	<u>19-24</u>	<u>21-26</u>	<u>25-31</u>	<u>34-42</u>	<u>39-49</u>	Aggravated
	<u>13-16</u>	<u>15-19</u>	<u>17-21</u>	<u>20-25</u>	<u>27-34</u>	<u>31-39</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>10-13</u>	<u>11-15</u>	<u>13-17</u>	<u>15-20</u>	<u>20-27</u>	<u>23-31</u>	Mitigated
F	<u>16-20</u>	<u>19-23</u>	<u>21-27</u>	<u>25-31</u>	<u>28-36</u>	<u>33-41</u>	Aggravated
	<u>13-16</u>	<u>15-19</u>	<u>17-21</u>	<u>20-25</u>	<u>23-28</u>	<u>26-33</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>10-13</u>	<u>11-15</u>	<u>13-17</u>	<u>15-20</u>	<u>17-23</u>	<u>20-26</u>	Mitigated
	I/A	I/A	I/A	I/A	A	A	DISPOSITION
G	<u>13-16</u>	<u>15-19</u>	<u>16-20</u>	<u>20-25</u>	<u>21-26</u>	<u>29-36</u>	Aggravated
	<u>10-13</u>	<u>12-15</u>	<u>13-16</u>	<u>16-20</u>	<u>17-21</u>	<u>23-29</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>8-10</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>10-13</u>	<u>12-16</u>	<u>13-17</u>	<u>17-23</u>	Mitigated
G	<u>13-16</u>	<u>14-18</u>	<u>17-21</u>	<u>19-24</u>	<u>22-27</u>	<u>25-31</u>	Aggravated
	<u>10-13</u>	<u>12-14</u>	<u>13-17</u>	<u>15-19</u>	<u>17-22</u>	<u>20-25</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>8-10</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>10-13</u>	<u>11-15</u>	<u>13-17</u>	<u>15-20</u>	Mitigated
	C/I/A	I/A	I/A	I/A	I/A	A	DISPOSITION
H	<u>6-8</u>	<u>8-10</u>	<u>10-12</u>	<u>11-14</u>	<u>15-19</u>	<u>20-25</u>	Aggravated
	<u>5-6</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>8-10</u>	<u>9-11</u>	<u>12-15</u>	<u>16-20</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>4-5</u>	<u>4-6</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>7-9</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>12-16</u>	Mitigated
	C	C/I	I	I/A	I/A	I/A	DISPOSITION
I	<u>6-8</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>8-10</u>	<u>9-11</u>	<u>10-12</u>	Aggravated
	<u>4-6</u>	<u>4-6</u>	<u>5-6</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>7-9</u>	<u>8-10</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>3-4</u>	<u>3-4</u>	<u>4-5</u>	<u>4-6</u>	<u>5-7</u>	<u>6-8</u>	Mitigated"

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 11th day of August, 2009.

s/ Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
Governor

Approved 10:50 a.m. this 28th day of August, 2009