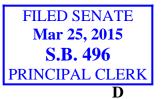
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA **SESSION 2015**



SENATE DRS25124-MG-94 (03/11)

Short Title:	Protect MH/DD/SA Clients From Abuse.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator D. Davis (Primary Sponsor).	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2	AN ACT ESTABLISHING HIGHER PENALTIES FOR REPEATED FAILURE TO
3	REPORT ABUSE, EXPLOITATION, OR ACCIDENTAL INJURIES OF CLIENTS IN
4	FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE CARE AND TREATMENT FOR MENTAL ILLNESS,
5	DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE.
6	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7	SECTION 1. G.S. 122C-66(b) reads as rewritten:
8	"(b) An employee of a facility who witnesses or has knowledge of a violation of
9	subsection (a) or of an accidental injury to a client shall report the violation or accidental injury
10	to authorized personnel designated by the facility. <u>A first violation of this subsection is a Class</u>
11	3 misdemeanor punishable only by a fine, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). A
12	repeated violation of this subsection is a Class 1 misdemeanor. No employee making a report
13	may be threatened or harassed by any other employee or volunteer on account of the report.
14	Violation of this subsection is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable only by a fine, not to exceed
15	five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."
16	SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to
17	violations occurring on or after that date.



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