

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 667

Short Title: Amend Stalking Law.

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Sponsors: Senators Reeves; Ballantine, Conder, Cooper, Foxx, Jordan, Lee, Lucas, McDaniel, Miller, Odom, Soles, Warren, Wellons, and Winner.

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Referred to: Judiciary.

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April 2, 1997

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF STALKING.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. G.S. 14-277.3 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 14-277.3. Stalking.**

6 (a) Offense. – A person commits the offense of stalking if the person willfully on  
7 more than one occasion follows or is in the presence of another person without legal  
8 ~~purpose; purpose and~~

9 (1) ~~With~~ with the intent to cause emotional distress by placing that person in  
10 reasonable fear of death or bodily ~~injury; injury.~~

11 (2) ~~After reasonable warning or request to desist by or on behalf of the~~  
12 ~~other person; and~~

13 (3) ~~The acts constitute a pattern of conduct over a period of time evidencing~~  
14 ~~a continuity of purpose.~~

15 (b) Classification. – A violation of this section is a ~~Class 2~~ Class 1 misdemeanor.  
16 A person who commits the offense of stalking when there is a court order in effect  
17 prohibiting similar behavior is guilty of a ~~Class 1~~ Class A1 misdemeanor. A second or  
18 subsequent conviction for stalking occurring within five years of a prior conviction of the  
19 same defendant is punishable as a Class I felony."

1           Section 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1997, and applies to  
2 offenses committed on or after that date.