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HOUSE BILL 626  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/30/15

Short Title: Amend Prop. Damage Offenses.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 14, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THE WILLFUL AND  
3 WANTON INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY OR REAL PROPERTY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-160 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 14-160. Willful and wanton injury to personal property; punishments.**

7 (a) If any person shall wantonly and willfully injure the personal property of another he  
8 shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

9 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection ~~(a)~~, ~~(a)~~ of this section, if any person  
10 shall wantonly and willfully injure the personal property of another, causing ~~damage in an~~  
11 ~~amount in excess of two hundred dollars (\$200.00)~~, he shall be guilty of a Class 1  
12 ~~misdemeanor~~ damage, the person shall be guilty of an offense punishable as follows:

13 (1) If the damage is more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), but is five  
14 thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less, the person shall be guilty of a Class 1  
15 misdemeanor.

16 (2) If the damage is more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), but is fifty  
17 thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less, the person shall be guilty of a Class A1  
18 misdemeanor.

19 (3) If the damage is more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the person shall  
20 be guilty of a Class I felony.

21 (c) This section applies to injuries to personal property without regard to whether the  
22 property is destroyed or not."

23 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 14-127 reads as rewritten:

24 "**§ 14-127. Willful and wanton injury to real property.**

25 If any person shall willfully and wantonly damage, injure or destroy any real property  
26 whatsoever, either of a public or private nature, ~~he shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor~~ the  
27 person shall be guilty of an offense punishable as follows:

28 (1) If the damage is two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or less, the person shall be  
29 guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

30 (2) If the damage is more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), but is five  
31 thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less, the person shall be guilty of a Class 1  
32 misdemeanor.

33 (3) If the damage is more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), but is fifty  
34 thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less, the person shall be guilty of a Class A1  
35 misdemeanor.



1                   (4)    If the damage is more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the person shall  
2                               be guilty of a Class I felony."

3                   **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to  
4 offenses committed on or after that date.