

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2017

HOUSE BILL 98
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF INJURING, DESTROYING, REMOVING, VANDALIZING, OR TAMPERING WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: FIREFIGHTING MACHINERY, FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, AN AMBULANCE, A RESCUE SQUAD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES VEHICLE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 23 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-160.3. Injuring, destroying, removing, vandalizing, or tampering with firefighting or emergency medical services machinery or equipment.

A person is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if the person intentionally injures, destroys, removes, vandalizes, or tampers with or otherwise intentionally interferes with the operation of any of the following:

- (1) Any machinery, apparatus, or equipment used by a fire department or the North Carolina Forest Services for fighting fires, protecting property, or protecting human life.
- (2) Any ambulance as defined in G.S. 131E-155 or rescue squad emergency medical services vehicle or any equipment or apparatus used for emergency medical services as defined in G.S. 131E-155."



SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2017, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of June, 2017.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2017