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SENATE BILL DRS15287-ML-92

Short Title: Disorderly Conduct/Unreasonable Noise. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Edwards, Daniel, and Ford (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON COMMITS DISORDERLY CONDUCT IF THE
3 PERSON MAKES UNREASONABLE NOISE WITH THE INTENT TO INFRINGE
4 UPON ANOTHER PERSON'S EXERCISE OF HIS OR HER RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH
5 OR TO CAUSE PUBLIC INCONVENIENCE, ANNOYANCE, ALARM, OR
6 DISRUPTION.
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
8 SECTION 1. G.S. 14-288.4 reads as rewritten:
9 "§ 14-288.4. Disorderly conduct.
10 ...
11 (a1) A person commits the offense of disorderly conduct if the person makes unreasonable
12 noise (i) with the intent to infringe upon another person's exercise of his or her right to free speech
13 or to otherwise cause public inconvenience, annoyance, alarm, or disruption or (ii) in a careless
14 or reckless manner so as to create the risk of infringing upon another person's exercise of his or
15 her right to free speech or the risk of otherwise causing public inconvenience, annoyance, alarm,
16 or disruption.
17 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, any person who willfully engages
18 in disorderly conduct in violation of subsections (a) or (a1) of this section is guilty of a Class 2
19 misdemeanor.
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21 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses
22 committed on or after that date.

