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HOUSE BILL DRH40053-ML-10A

Short Title: Assaults on First Responders. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Pyrtle.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT WITH A
3 FIREARM AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY, MEDICAL, AND LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-34.5 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 14-34.5. Assault with a firearm on a law enforcement, probation, or parole officer, or**
8 **on a member of the North Carolina National Guard, or on a person employed at**
9 **a State or local detention facility.**

10 ~~(a) Any person who commits an assault with a firearm upon a law enforcement officer,~~
11 ~~probation officer, or parole officer while the officer is in the performance of his or her duties is~~
12 ~~guilty of a Class D felony.~~

13 ~~(a1) Any person who commits an assault with a firearm upon a member of the North~~
14 ~~Carolina National Guard while the member is in the performance of his or her duties is guilty of~~
15 ~~a Class D felony.~~

16 ~~(b) Anyone who commits an assault with a firearm upon a person who is employed at a~~
17 ~~detention facility operated under the jurisdiction of the State or a local government while the~~
18 ~~employee is in the performance of the employee's duties is guilty of a Class D felony.~~ any of the
19 following persons who are in the performance of their duties is guilty of a Class B1 felony:

20 (1) A law enforcement officer.

21 (2) A probation officer.

22 (3) A parole officer.

23 (4) A member of the North Carolina National Guard.

24 (5) An employee of a detention facility operated under the jurisdiction of the State
25 or a local government.

26 (6) An emergency medical technician or other emergency health care provider.

27 (7) A medical responder.

28 (8) A firefighter.

29 (9) A telecommunicator employed by a law enforcement agency."

30 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 14-34.6(c) reads as rewritten:

31 "(c) Unless a person's conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing
32 greater punishment, a person is guilty of a Class D felony if the person violates subsection (a) of
33 this section against a person not otherwise covered under G.S. 14-34.5 and uses a firearm."

34 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses
35 committed on or after that date.

