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HOUSE BILL 61

Short Title: Assaults on First Responders. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Pyrtle, Carson Smith, Greene, and Miller (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Judiciary 2, if favorable, Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 6, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY, MEDICAL, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

(1) A law enforcement officer.

(2) A probation officer.

(3) A parole officer.

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

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

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

(7) A medical responder.

(8) A firefighter.

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

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

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



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