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HOUSE BILL 138
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H138-PCS30128-SA-3

Short Title: Damage Jail & Prison Fire Sprinkler/Penalty.   (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 25, 2019

	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
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2	AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR WILLFULLY INTERFERING WITH,
3	DAMAGING, DEFACING, MOLESTING, OR INJURING ANY PART OR PORTION OF
4	A FIRE-ALARM, FIRE-DETECTION, SMOKE-DETECTION, OR
5	FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM IN A PRISON OR LOCAL CONFINEMENT
6	FACILITY.
7	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
8	**SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-286 reads as rewritten:
9	"**§ 14-286. Giving false fire alarms; molesting fire-alarm, fire-detection or**
10	**fire-extinguishing system.**
11	(a) Offense. – It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to wantonly and willfully
12	give or cause to be given, or to advise, counsel, or aid and abet anyone in giving, a false alarm of
13	fire, or to break the glass key protector, or to pull the slide, arm, or lever of any station or signal
14	box of any fire-alarm system, except in case of fire, or willfully misuse or damage a portable fire
15	extinguisher, or in any way to willfully interfere with, damage, deface, molest, or injure any part
16	or portion of any fire-alarm, fire-detection, smoke-detection or fire-extinguishing system.
17	(b) Penalty. – Any person who willfully interferes with, damages, defaces, molests, or
18	injures any part or portion of a fire-alarm, fire-detection, smoke-detection, or fire-extinguishing
19	system in a prison or local confinement facility is guilty of a Class H felony. Any person ~~violating~~
20	~~any of the provisions~~ who commits any other violation of this section ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class
21	2 misdemeanor. For purposes of this subsection, the term "local confinement facility" means a
22	county or city jail, a local lockup, or a detention facility for adults operated by a local
23	government."
24	**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses
25	committed on or after that date.