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HOUSE BILL 1273  
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/10/89

Short Title: Modify Jailkeeper Liability.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 12, 1989

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAW GOVERNING THE LIABILITY OF THE  
3 KEEPER OF A JAIL OR OTHER JAIL EMPLOYEE FOR INJURIES TO  
4 PRISONERS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 162-55 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 162-55. Injury to prisoner by jailer.**

8 ~~If the keeper of a jail shall do, or cause to be done, any wrong or injury to the~~  
9 ~~prisoners committed to his custody, contrary to law, he shall not only pay treble~~  
10 ~~damages to the person injured, but shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

11 If the keeper of a jail, jailer, or other employee of a jail, shall intentionally injure a  
12 prisoner, contrary to law, he shall be personally liable for treble damages to the person  
13 injured."

14 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989, and applies to injuries  
15 occurring on or after that date.