

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

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HOUSE BILL 144\*

Short Title: Voluntary Manslaughter/Class D Felony.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Justus; Baddour, Bowie, Capps, Davis, and Sexton.

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Referred to: Judiciary I.

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February 13, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE NORTH CAROLINA SENTENCING AND POLICY  
2 ADVISORY COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE OFFENSE OF  
3 VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER BE INCREASED FROM A CLASS E FELONY  
4 TO A CLASS D FELONY.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 14-18 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 14-18. Punishment for manslaughter.**

9 Voluntary manslaughter shall be punishable as a Class ~~E~~D felony, and involuntary  
10 manslaughter shall be punishable as a Class F felony."

11 Section 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1997, and applies to  
12 offenses committed on or after that date.