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SENATE BILL 1045

Short Title: Interfere with Emergency Calls.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Rand.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO INTERFERE WITH
3 EMERGENCY TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Article 36 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 14-286.3. Interfering with emergency telephonic communications.**

8 (a) A person who, without authorization, engages in intentional interference with
9 an emergency telephone communication of another and who is not making an emergency
10 telephone communication himself is guilty of a Class H felony.

11 (b) The following definitions apply in this section:

12 (1) Emergency telephone communication. – The term includes
13 communications to law enforcement agencies or other emergency
14 personnel, or to other individuals, relating or intending to relate that an
15 individual is or is reasonably believed to be, or reasonably believes
16 himself or another person to be, in imminent danger of bodily injury, or
17 that an individual reasonably believes that his property or the property
18 of another is in imminent danger of substantial damage or injury.

19 (2) Intentional interference. – The term includes forcefully removing a
20 telephonic instrument or equipment from the possession of another,

1 hiding a telephonic instrument or equipment from another or otherwise
2 making a telephonic instrument or equipment unavailable to another,
3 disconnecting a telephonic instrument or telephonic equipment,
4 removing a telephonic instrument from its connection to
5 telecommunications lines or wavelengths, or damaging or otherwise
6 interfering with telecommunications equipment or connections between
7 a telephonic instrument and telecommunications lines or wavelengths."

8 Section 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1999, and applies to
9 offenses committed on or after that date.