Short Title: Protection of Historic Monuments.	(Public)
Sponsors: Representative Starnes.	
Referred to:	

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2   AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF NORTH CAROLINA'S
3   HISTORIC MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS.
4   The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5   **SECTION 1.** Chapter 121 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
6   new section to read:
7   "**§ 121-13.3. Protection of North Carolina historic monuments and memorials.**
8   (a)   Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, no monument, memorial,
9   plaque, marker, or historic flag display commemorating events, veterans, or persons of
10   North Carolina history on public property of the State or any of its political subdivisions
11   may be relocated, removed, disturbed, altered, or defaced.
12   (b)   Monuments, memorials, plaques, markers, and historic flag displays set forth
13   in subsection (a) of this section may be removed, relocated, or altered by one of the
14   following actions:
15   (1)   With the approval of the General Assembly by a simple majority of the
16   members voting in each house.
17   (2)   With the approval of the North Carolina Historical Commission by a
18   simple majority of the members voting at a regularly scheduled
19   meeting.
20   (3)   Upon the authority of the public or private body responsible for the
21   protection, preservation, upkeep, and care of these monuments,
22   memorials, plaques, markers, or historic flag displays. Any monument,
23   memorial, plaque, marker, or historic flag display removed for the
24   reasons set forth in this subdivision must be returned to its original
25   location when the activity is completed.
26   (c)   A person who willfully violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty
27   of a Class A1 misdemeanor."

1   **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2003, and applies to
2   offenses committed on or after that date.