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Short Title: Break Into Place of Worship. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Walker, Bell, Langdon, and Cleveland (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING  
3 A BUILDING THAT IS A PLACE OF WORSHIP.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "**§ 14-56.4. Breaking or entering a building that is a place of worship.**

8 (a) Any person who wrongfully breaks or enters any building that is a place of  
9 worship is guilty of a Class G felony except as provided by subsection (b) of this  
10 section.

11 (b) A person is guilty of a Class F felony, if:

12 (1) The person breaks or enters two or more buildings that are places of  
13 worship; or

14 (2) The person is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of  
15 subsection (a) of this section.

16 (c) As used in this section, a "building that is a place of worship" shall be  
17 construed to include any church, chapel, meetinghouse, synagogue, temple, or mosque."

18 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and applies to  
19 offenses committed on or after that date.