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HOUSE BILL 838
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/13/91

Short Title: Penalty for Crop Destruction.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 16, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE THE DESTRUCTION OF ANY LAWFULLY GROWN CROP,
PASTURE, OR PROVENDER A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-141 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-141. **Burning or otherwise destroying crops in the field.**

~~If any~~ Any person who shall willfully burn or destroy any other person's ~~corn,~~
~~cotton, wheat, barley, rye, oats, buckwheat, rice, tobacco, hay, straw, fodder, shucks or~~
~~other provender in a stack, hill, rick or pen, or secured in any other way out of doors, or~~
~~grass or sedge standing on the land, he~~ lawfully grown crop, pasture, or provender shall
be punished as follows: a Class I felon.

(1) If the damage is four hundred dollars (\$400.00) or less, the person is
guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a term of imprisonment not to
exceed two years, a fine, or both.

(2) If the damage is more than four hundred dollars (\$400.00), the person
is guilty of a Class I felony."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991, and applies to offenses
occurring on or after that date.