## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

## **SESSION 1997**

S 1 SENATE BILL 998 Short Title: Fraud/" Pretend" Crime Victim. (Public) Sponsors: Senators Plyler; and Conder. Referred to: Judiciary. April 21, 1997 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR FOR A PERSON FRAUDULENTLY TO REPRESENT HIMSELF OR HERSELF AS A CRIME VICTIM. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: Section 1. Article 20 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read: "§ 14-118.6. Perpetrating hoax by fraudulent representation as a crime victim. It is unlawful for a person, with the intent to perpetrate a hoax, falsely to represent himself or herself as the victim of a crime and as a result to cause another reasonably to believe that the person is the victim of a crime and to report that crime to a law enforcement agency." Section 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1997, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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