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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR DISCHARGING CERTAIN WEAPONS INTO OCCUPIED PROPERTY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-34.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-34.1. **Discharging certain barreled weapons or a firearm into occupied property.**

(a) Any person who willfully or wantonly discharges or attempts to discharge:

(1) ~~Any discharge any firearm or~~ barreled weapon capable of discharging shot, bullets, pellets, or other missiles at a muzzle velocity of at least 600 feet per second; ~~or~~

(2) ~~A firearm~~

~~second~~ into any building, structure, vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, or other conveyance, device, equipment, erection, or enclosure while it is occupied is guilty of a Class E ~~felony.~~felony, unless a greater penalty applies.

(b) A person who willfully or wantonly discharges a weapon described in subsection (a) of this section into an occupied dwelling or into any occupied vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, or other conveyance that is being operated upon a public road, highway, public vehicular area, railroad track, or waterway, or in any airspace is guilty of a Class D felony.

(c) If a person violates subsection (a) or (b) of this section and the violation results in serious bodily injury to any person, the person is guilty of a Class C felony."

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