

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

**SENATE BILL 488  
RATIFIED BILL**

**AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR SIMPLE ASSAULT OR  
BATTERY ON A HANDICAPPED PERSON.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-32.1(f) reads as rewritten:

"(f) Any person who commits a simple assault or battery upon a handicapped person is guilty of a ~~Class 1~~ Class A1 misdemeanor."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2006, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006