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SENATE BILL 972

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

Sponsors: Senators Smith, Albertson; Apodaca, Blake, Brock, Brown, Forrester,
Holloman, Hunt, Jacumin, Presnell, Stevens, and Tillman.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

March 24, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING
A BUILDING THAT IS A PLACE OF WORSHIP.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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