

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 441

Short Title: Felony/Steal Or Cut Another's Timber. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Sutton, Yongue, Pierce (Primary Sponsors); McGee, Spear, Starnes, Steen, and Thomas.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

March 5, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR CUTTING, INJURING,
OR REMOVING ANOTHER'S TIMBER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-135 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-135. **Cutting, injuring, or removing another's timber.**

If any person not being the bona fide owner thereof, shall knowingly and willfully cut down, injure or remove any standing, growing or fallen tree or log, the property of another, he shall be guilty of a ~~Class 1 misdemeanor~~Class I felony."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2007, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.