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HOUSE BILL 948

Short Title: False Reports to Law Enforcement. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Blust; Blackwood, Brown, Cleveland, Current, Dockham, Langdon, McGee, Starnes, and Walker.

Referred to: Judiciary I, if favorable, Appropriations.

March 22, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE FELONIOUS CERTAIN FALSE REPORTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-225 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-225. **False reports to law enforcement agencies or officers.**

(a) For purposes of this section, the term "official inquiry" means the pursuit of an investigative matter by a sworn agent of the State Bureau of Investigation pursuant to a statutorily authorized request from the Governor or the Attorney General, assistance rendered in accordance with G.S. 114-14, or an investigation being conducted as a matter of original jurisdiction conferred upon the State Bureau of Investigation by North Carolina law.

(b) Any person who shall willfully make or cause to be made to a law enforcement agency or officer any false, misleading or unfounded report, for the purpose of interfering with the operation of a law enforcement agency, or to hinder or obstruct any law enforcement officer in the performance of his duty, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

(c) In response to an official inquiry by a sworn agent of the State Bureau of Investigation who is investigating a Class A, B, C, D, E, F, or G felony, any person who shall willfully do any of the following is guilty of a Class H felony:

- (1) Falsify or conceal by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact.
- (2) Make any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation.
- (3) Use any false writing or document knowing the writing or document to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry."

1 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective December 1, 2007, and
2 applies to offenses committed on or after that date. The remainder of this act is effective
3 when it becomes law.