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Short Title: Penalty for Crop Destruction.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE THE DESTRUCTION OF ANY LAWFULLY GROWN CROP,  
PASTURE, OR PROVENDER A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-141 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-141. **Burning or otherwise destroying crops in the field.**

~~If any~~ Any person who shall willfully burn or destroy any other person's ~~corn,~~  
cotton, wheat, barley, rye, oats, buckwheat, rice, tobacco, hay, straw, fodder, shucks or  
other provender in a stack, hill, rick or pen, or secured in any other way out of doors, or  
grass or sedge standing on the land, he lawfully grown crop, pasture, or provender shall  
be punished as follows: a Class I felon.

(1) If the damage is four hundred dollars (\$400.00) or less, the person is  
guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a term of imprisonment not to  
exceed two years, a fine, or both.

(2) If the damage is more than four hundred dollars (\$400.00), the person  
is guilty of a Class I felony."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991, and applies to offenses  
occurring on or after that date.