

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 534
HOUSE BILL 838

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 two thousand dollars (\$2,000) 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 two thousand dollars (\$2,000), the person is guilty of a Class I felony."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 3rd day of July, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives