

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
EXTRA SESSION 1994

CHAPTER 23  
HOUSE BILL 128

AN ACT TO MAKE IT A MISDEMEANOR FOR A PERSON TO WILLFULLY MAKE A FALSE, MISLEADING, OR UNFOUNDED REPORT TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR OFFICER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"§ 14-225. ~~False, etc.,~~ False reports to police radio broadcasting stations. law enforcement agencies or officers.

Any person who shall willfully make or cause to be made to a ~~police radio broadcasting station~~ law enforcement agency or officer any false, misleading or unfounded report, for the purpose of interfering with the operation ~~thereof,~~ of a law enforcement agency, or to hinder or obstruct any ~~peace~~ law enforcement officer in the performance of his duty, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), imprisonment for not more than six months, or both."

Sec. 2. G.S. 14-225, as enacted by Section 1 of this act, reads as rewritten:

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

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 ~~misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.~~ Class 2 misdemeanor."

Sec. 3. Section 137 of Chapter 539 of the 1993 Session Laws is repealed.

Sec. 4. Section 1 of this act becomes effective July 1, 1994, and applies to offenses occurring on or after that date. Sections 2 and 3 of this act become effective on the same day that Chapter 538 of the 1993 Session Laws becomes effective and apply to offenses occurring on or after that date. Section 4 of this act is effective upon ratification. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective dates of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of March, 1994.

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Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

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Daniel Blue, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives