

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 1106  
HOUSE BILL 1408

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ELEMENTS OF THE CRIME OF SAFECRACKING, MAKE IT APPLY WHEN THE SAFE OR VAULT IS UNLAWFULLY OPENED WITHOUT THE USE OF FORCE, AND EXTEND THE CRIME TO COVER HAULWAYS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 14-89.1 is rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 14-89.1. **Safecracking.** — (a) A person is guilty of safecracking if he unlawfully opens, enters, or attempts to open or enter a safe or vault:

- (1) by the use of explosives, drills, or tools; or
- (2) through the use of a stolen combination, key, electronic device, or other fraudulently acquired implement or means; or
- (3) through the use of a master key, duplicate key or device made or obtained in an unauthorized manner, stethoscope or other listening device, electronic device used for unauthorized entry in a safe or vault, or other surreptitious means; or
- (4) by the use of any other safecracking implement or means.

(b) A person is also guilty of safecracking if he unlawfully removes from its premises a safe or vault for the purpose of stealing, tampering with, or ascertaining its contents.

(c) Safecracking is a felony punishable by imprisonment for a term of not less than two nor more than 30 years."

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective October 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.