

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 892  
HOUSE BILL 1211

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR INTENTIONALLY SETTING FOREST FIRES, TO INCREASE REWARD FOR EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT FOR CONVICTION UNDER FOREST FIRE STATUTE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT REWARD BE PAID FROM THE STATE FIRE SUPPRESSION FUND.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 14-136, as the same appears in 1969 Replacement Volume 1B of the General Statutes and as amended by 1979 Session Laws, Chapter 760, Section 5, is amended by rewriting the second sentence as follows: "If intent to damage the property of another shall be shown, said person shall, for a first offense, be punished as a Class I felon; and for a second and subsequent offenses said person shall be punished as a Class H felon."; and is further amended by rewriting the last sentence to read as follows: "Any person who shall furnish to the State, evidence sufficient for the conviction of a violation of this section shall receive the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid from the State Fire Suppression Fund."

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective October 1, 1981.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 9th day of July, 1981.