

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 361
HOUSE BILL 816

AN ACT PROHIBITING INTERFERENCE WITH AN EMERGENCY IN FORSYTH
COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A new section is added to Chapter 14 of the General Statutes to read:

"§ 14-286.2. **Interference with emergency communication.** – It is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00), imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, for a person to knowingly interrupt, disrupt, impede, or otherwise interfere with the transmission or reception of a communication on a citizens band radio channel if the purpose of the communication is to report an emergency, to report an endangerment to the safety or security of persons or property, or to request assistance for or attempt to render assistance to any person.

For purposes of this section:

- (1) 'Emergency' means a condition or circumstance in which an individual is or is reasonably believed by the person transmitting or receiving the communication to be in danger of bodily injury or in which property is or is reasonably believed by the person transmitting or receiving the communication to be in danger of damage or destruction;
- (2) 'Endangerment to the safety or security of persons or property' means a condition or circumstance which, while not of an immediate emergency nature, is likely to cause injury to persons or property if not corrected."

Sec. 2. This act applies only to Forsyth County.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective October 1, 1983.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of May, 1983.