

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

**SESSION LAW 2006-179
SENATE BILL 488**

**AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR SIMPLE ASSAULT OR
BATTERY ON A HANDICAPPED PERSON.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-32.1(f) reads as rewritten:

"(f) Any person who commits a simple assault or battery upon a handicapped person is guilty of a ~~Class 1~~Class A1 misdemeanor."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2006, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18th day of July, 2006.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 6:01 p.m. this 1st day of August, 2006