AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE CORRECTIONAL OFFICER MAY CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON WHEN OFF-DUTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-269(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(7) State correctional officers, when off-duty, provided that an officer does not carry a concealed weapon while consuming alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance or while alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance remains in the officer's body. If the concealed weapon is a handgun, the correctional officer must meet the firearms training standards of the Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2015. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date 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 2nd day of April, 2015.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved 12:30 p.m. this 9th day of April, 2015