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HOUSE BILL 77

Short Title: Late Return of Rented Prop.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ives; Beall, Brubaker, Gamble, Jenkins, McCombs, Mitchell, Weatherly, and Wilson.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

February 10, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DECREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THE LATE RETURN
OF RENTED PERSONAL PROPERTY WORTH FIFTY DOLLARS OR LESS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-167, as amended by Section 111 of Chapter 539 of the
1993 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-167. (Effective January 1, 1995) Failure to return hired property.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any ~~Any~~ person who shall rent or hire, any horse, mule or other like animal, or any buggy, wagon, truck, automobile, or other vehicle, aircraft, motor, trailer, appliance, equipment, tool, or other thing of value, and who shall willfully fail to return the same to the possession of the person, firm or corporation from whom such property has been rented or hired at the expiration of the time for which such property has been rented or hired, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

(b) Any person who rents personal property worth fifty dollars (\$50.00) or less and willfully fails to return it when due to the possession of the person, firm or corporation from whom the property has been rented is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor if:

(1) The person received written notice that the return of the rented property was overdue; and

(2) The person still failed to return the rented property within 14 days from the receipt of the written notice."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 1995, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.