

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 108

Short Title: Habitual Misd. Larceny/Felony. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Moore, Goodwin (Primary Sponsors); Barnhart, Blust, Capps, Church, Clary, Daughtridge, Eddins, Frye, Gillespie, Gorman, Gulley, Harrell, Hilton, Howard, Hunter, Kiser, LaRoque, Lucas, McGee, McHenry, Munford, Rayfield, Rhodes, Sauls, Setzer, Stam, Stiller, Sutton, Warner, K. Williams, C. Wilson, and Wood.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

February 27, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF HABITUAL MISDEMEANOR
2 LARCENY.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 16 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 14-86.2. Habitual misdemeanor larceny.**

8 (a) The following definitions apply in this section:

9 (1) "Convicted" means the person has been adjudged guilty of or has
10 entered a plea of guilty or no contest to the misdemeanor larceny
11 charge, and judgment has been entered thereon when the action
12 occurred.

13 (2) "Misdemeanor larceny" includes the following offenses:

14 a. Misdemeanor larceny pursuant to G.S. 14-72(a).

15 b. Any repealed or superseded offense substantially equivalent to
16 misdemeanor larceny under G.S. 14-72(a).

17 c. Any offense committed in another jurisdiction substantially
18 similar to misdemeanor larceny under G.S. 14-72(a).

19 (b) A person commits the offense of habitual misdemeanor larceny if that person
20 is 18 years of age or older, commits misdemeanor larceny under G.S. 14-72(a), and has
21 been convicted of five or more prior misdemeanor larceny convictions. A person
22 convicted of violating this section is guilty of a Class H felony.

23 (c) For purposes of this section, if an offender is convicted of more than one
24 offense of misdemeanor larceny in a single session of district court, or in a single week

1 of superior court or of a court in another jurisdiction, only one of the convictions may
2 be used to establish the offense of habitual misdemeanor larceny."

3 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2003, and applies to
4 offenses committed on or after that date.