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Short Title: Break Into Place of Worship.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING
A BUILDING THAT IS A PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"§ 14-54.1. Breaking or entering a building that is a place of religious worship.

(a) Any person who wrongfully breaks or enters any building that is a place of religious worship with intent to commit any felony or larceny therein is guilty of a Class G felony, except as provided by subsection (b) of this section.

(b) A person is guilty of a Class F felony if:

(1) The person breaks or enters two or more buildings that are places of religious worship; or

(2) The person is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) As used in this section, a "building that is a place of religious worship" shall be construed to include any church, chapel, meetinghouse, synagogue, temple, or mosque, or other building that is regularly used, and clearly identifiable, as a place for religious worship."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.