

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR80425-LH-230C (4/9)**

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Sponsors: Representative Stam.

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RECLASSIFICATION OF MISDEMEANORS.

3 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

4       **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission may study the  
5 reclassification of misdemeanors. In its study the Legislative Research Commission  
6 may consider the recommendations made by the North Carolina Sentencing and Policy  
7 Advisory Commission in the report it submitted to the 2006 Session of the North  
8 Carolina General Assembly. One of the issues the Commission may address in its study  
9 is whether to separate the offense of battery from the offense of assault. The  
10 Commission may also study any other issues that it considers relevant to the study. The  
11 Commission may make recommendations regarding the reclassification of  
12 misdemeanors, including any proposed legislation for consideration by the 2007  
13 General Assembly, Regular Session 2008, or by the 2009 General Assembly.

14       **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim  
15 report to the 2007 General Assembly, Regular Session 2008, and shall make its final  
16 report to the 2009 General Assembly upon its convening.

17       **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.