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HOUSE BILL 806*

Short Title: Sentence Lengths.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Luebke, Hall (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Glazier,
and Harrison.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO MAKE THE INCREASE IN SENTENCE LENGTHS BETWEEN
2 PRIOR RECORD LEVELS MORE PROPORTIONATE USING A SET
3 PERCENTAGE INCREMENT.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 15A-1340.17(c) reads as rewritten:

7 "(c) Punishments for Each Class of Offense and Prior Record Level; Punishment
8 Chart Described. – The authorized punishment for each class of offense and prior record
9 level is as specified in the chart below. Prior record levels are indicated by the Roman
10 numerals placed horizontally on the top of the chart. Classes of offense are indicated by
11 the letters placed vertically on the left side of the chart. Each cell on the chart contains
12 the following components:

- 13 (1) A sentence disposition or dispositions: "C" indicates that a community
14 punishment is authorized; "I" indicates that an intermediate
15 punishment is authorized; "A" indicates that an active punishment is
16 authorized; and "Life Imprisonment Without Parole" indicates that the
17 defendant shall be imprisoned for the remainder of the prisoner's
18 natural life.
- 19 (2) A presumptive range of minimum durations, if the sentence of
20 imprisonment is neither aggravated or mitigated; any minimum term of
21 imprisonment in that range is permitted unless the court finds pursuant
22 to G.S. 15A-1340.16 that an aggravated or mitigated sentence is
23 appropriate. The presumptive range is the middle of the three ranges in
24 the cell.
- 25 (3) A mitigated range of minimum durations if the court finds pursuant to
26 G.S. 15A-1340.16 that a mitigated sentence of imprisonment is
27 justified; in such a case, any minimum term of imprisonment in the

- 1 mitigated range is permitted. The mitigated range is the lower of the
 2 three ranges in the cell.
 3 (4) An aggravated range of minimum durations if the court finds pursuant
 4 to G.S. 15A-1340.16 that an aggravated sentence of imprisonment is
 5 justified; in such a case, any minimum term of imprisonment in the
 6 aggravated range is permitted. The aggravated range is the higher of
 7 the three ranges in the cell.
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9 **PRIOR RECORD LEVEL**

	I 0 Pts	II 1-4 Pts	III 5-8 Pts	IV 9-14 Pts	V 15-18 Pts	VI 19+ Pts	
A Life Imprisonment Without Parole or Death as Established by Statute							
	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	DISPOSITION
	240-300	288-360	336-420	384-480	Life Imprisonment Without Parole		Aggravated
B1	<u>192-240</u>	<u>230-288</u>	<u>269-336</u>	<u>307-384</u>	<u>346-433</u>	<u>384-480</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>144-192</u>	<u>173-230</u>	<u>202-269</u>	<u>230-307</u>	<u>260-346</u>	<u>288-384</u>	Mitigated
	<u>240-300</u>	<u>276-345</u>	<u>317-397</u>	<u>365-456</u>	Life Imprisonment Without Parole		Aggravated
B1	<u>192-240</u>	<u>221-276</u>	<u>254-317</u>	<u>292-365</u>	<u>336-420</u>	<u>386-483</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>144-192</u>	<u>166-221</u>	<u>190-254</u>	<u>219-292</u>	<u>252-336</u>	<u>290-386</u>	Mitigated
	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	DISPOSITION
	157-196	189-237	220-276	251-313	282-353	313-392	Aggravated
B2	<u>125-157</u>	<u>151-189</u>	<u>176-220</u>	<u>201-251</u>	<u>225-282</u>	<u>251-313</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>94-125</u>	<u>114-151</u>	<u>132-176</u>	<u>151-201</u>	<u>169-225</u>	<u>188-251</u>	Mitigated
	<u>157-196</u>	<u>180-225</u>	<u>207-258</u>	<u>238-297</u>	<u>273-342</u>	<u>314-393</u>	Aggravated
B2	<u>125-157</u>	<u>144-180</u>	<u>165-207</u>	<u>190-238</u>	<u>219-273</u>	<u>251-314</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>94-125</u>	<u>108-144</u>	<u>124-165</u>	<u>143-190</u>	<u>164-219</u>	<u>189-251</u>	Mitigated
	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	DISPOSITION
	73-92	100-125	116-145	133-167	151-188	168-210	Aggravated
C	<u>58-73</u>	<u>80-100</u>	<u>93-116</u>	<u>107-133</u>	<u>121-151</u>	<u>135-168</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>44-58</u>	<u>60-80</u>	<u>70-93</u>	<u>80-107</u>	<u>90-121</u>	<u>101-135</u>	Mitigated
	<u>73-92</u>	<u>83-104</u>	<u>96-120</u>	<u>110-138</u>	<u>127-159</u>	<u>146-182</u>	Aggravated
C	<u>58-73</u>	<u>67-83</u>	<u>77-96</u>	<u>88-110</u>	<u>101-127</u>	<u>117-146</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>44-58</u>	<u>50-67</u>	<u>58-77</u>	<u>66-88</u>	<u>76-101</u>	<u>87-117</u>	Mitigated
	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	DISPOSITION
	64-80	77-95	103-129	117-146	133-167	146-183	Aggravated
D	<u>51-64</u>	<u>61-77</u>	<u>82-103</u>	<u>94-117</u>	<u>107-133</u>	<u>117-146</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>38-51</u>	<u>46-61</u>	<u>61-82</u>	<u>71-94</u>	<u>80-107</u>	<u>88-117</u>	Mitigated
	<u>64-80</u>	<u>73-92</u>	<u>84-105</u>	<u>97-121</u>	<u>111-139</u>	<u>128-160</u>	Aggravated
D	<u>51-64</u>	<u>59-73</u>	<u>67-84</u>	<u>78-97</u>	<u>89-111</u>	<u>103-128</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>38-51</u>	<u>44-59</u>	<u>51-67</u>	<u>58-78</u>	<u>67-89</u>	<u>77-103</u>	Mitigated

1		I/A	I/A	A	A	A	A	DISPOSITION
2		25-31	29-36	34-42	46-58	53-66	59-74	Aggravated
3	E	20-25	23-29	27-34	37-46	42-53	47-59	PRESUMPTIVE
4		15-20	17-23	20-27	28-37	32-42	35-47	Mitigated
5		<u>25-31</u>	<u>29-36</u>	<u>33-41</u>	<u>38-48</u>	<u>44-55</u>	<u>50-63</u>	Aggravated
6	E	<u>20-25</u>	<u>23-29</u>	<u>26-33</u>	<u>30-38</u>	<u>35-44</u>	<u>40-50</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
7		<u>15-20</u>	<u>17-23</u>	<u>20-26</u>	<u>23-30</u>	<u>26-35</u>	<u>30-40</u>	Mitigated
8		I/A	I/A	I/A	A	A	A	DISPOSITION
9		16-20	19-24	21-26	25-31	34-42	39-49	Aggravated
10	F	13-16	15-19	17-21	20-25	27-34	31-39	PRESUMPTIVE
11		10-13	11-15	13-17	15-20	20-27	23-31	Mitigated
12		<u>16-20</u>	<u>19-23</u>	<u>21-27</u>	<u>25-31</u>	<u>28-36</u>	<u>33-41</u>	Aggravated
13	F	<u>13-16</u>	<u>15-19</u>	<u>17-21</u>	<u>20-25</u>	<u>23-28</u>	<u>26-33</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
14		<u>10-13</u>	<u>11-15</u>	<u>13-17</u>	<u>15-20</u>	<u>17-23</u>	<u>20-26</u>	Mitigated
15		I/A	I/A	I/A	I/A	A	A	DISPOSITION
16		13-16	15-19	16-20	20-25	21-26	29-36	Aggravated
17	G	10-13	12-15	13-16	16-20	17-21	23-29	PRESUMPTIVE
18		8-10	9-12	10-13	12-16	13-17	17-23	Mitigated
19		<u>13-16</u>	<u>14-18</u>	<u>17-21</u>	<u>19-24</u>	<u>22-27</u>	<u>25-31</u>	Aggravated
20	G	<u>10-13</u>	<u>12-14</u>	<u>13-17</u>	<u>15-19</u>	<u>17-22</u>	<u>20-25</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
21		<u>8-10</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>10-13</u>	<u>11-15</u>	<u>13-17</u>	<u>15-20</u>	Mitigated
22		C/I/A	I/A	I/A	I/A	I/A	A	DISPOSITION
23		6-8	8-10	10-12	11-14	15-19	20-25	Aggravated
24	H	5-6	6-8	8-10	9-11	12-15	16-20	PRESUMPTIVE
25		4-5	4-6	6-8	7-9	9-12	12-16	Mitigated
26		C	C/I	I	I/A	I/A	I/A	DISPOSITION
27		6-8	6-8	6-8	8-10	9-11	10-12	Aggravated
28	I	4-6	4-6	5-6	6-8	7-9	8-10	PRESUMPTIVE
29		3-4	3-4	4-5	4-6	5-7	6-8	Mitigated"

30 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2007, and applies to
 31 offenses committed on or after that date.