

March 30, 2009

H 885. NO PICKETING/DISRUPT RESIDENTIAL TRANQUILITY. Filed 3/30/09. *TO PROHIBIT PERSONS ASSEMBLING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PICKETING DIRECTED AT A SINGLE RESIDENCE IN A MANNER THAT DISRUPTS THE TRANQUILITY OF THAT RESIDENCE.*

Amends GS 14-277.4 to prohibit a person from assembling with another person to direct or focus picketing on a single residence in a manner that disrupts the tranquility of that residence. Makes a violation of this prohibition a Class 2 misdemeanor, makes a second conviction for a violation a Class 1 misdemeanor, and makes a third or subsequent conviction for a violation occurring within three years of the second or most recent conviction a Class I felony. Provides that nothing in this section is to be construed to prohibit general picketing that proceeds through residential neighborhoods or past residences. Effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Intro. by Ross.

GS 14

April 16, 2009

H 885. NO PICKETING/DISRUPT RESIDENTIAL TRANQUILITY. Filed 3/30/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes amendments to GS 14-277.4, which applied the provisions of that statute (related to obstruction of health care facilities) to a prohibition on a person from assembling with another person to direct or focus picketing on a single residence in a manner that disrupts the tranquility of that residence. Instead, enacts a new GS 14-277.6, *Picketing a residence*, and inserts those applicable identical provisions, including provisions concerning violations of the statute and seeking injunctive relief. Specifies that a person is not prohibited from engaging in lawful speech or picketing which does not disrupt the tranquility of the residence.

May 12, 2009

H 885. TARGETED PICKETING (NEW). Filed 3/30/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Deletes all provisions of the 2nd edition which created the offense of picketing a residence. Instead enacts new GS 14-277.4A to create the offense of *targeted picketing of a residence*. Defines *residence* as any single-family or multi-family dwelling unit that is not being used as a targeted occupant's sole place of business or as a place for public meetings. Defines *targeted picketing* as picketing, with or without signs, that is specifically directed toward a residence or one or more occupants of the residence and that takes place on the sidewalk or street in front of the residence, in front of an adjoining residence, or on either side of the residence. Makes it unlawful for a person to engage in targeted picketing when the person knows or should know that his or her actions would cause fear or substantial emotional distress in a reasonable person. Makes engaging in targeted picketing a Class 2 misdemeanor. Permits a victim of targeted picketing to seek injunctive relieve. Provides that a violation of the injunction constitutes criminal contempt punishable by imprisonment of not less than 30 days and no more than 12 months. Provides that nothing in this section is to be construed as prohibiting general picketing that proceeds through residential neighborhoods or that proceeds past residences. Makes conforming changes to the title. Effective December 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

July 20, 2009

SL 2009-300 (H 885). TARGETED PICKETING. AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM PICKETING DIRECTED AT A SINGLE RESIDENCE IN A MANNER THAT WOULD CAUSE FEAR OR SUBSTANTIAL EMOTIONAL DISTRESS. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/30/09, 4/16/09, and 5/12/09. Enacted July 17, 2009. Effective December 1, 2009.