

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 137

Short Title: Reward Amt/Arrest of Fugitive From Justice. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Stevens, Faircloth, McNeill, and Burr (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.*

Referred to: Judiciary Subcommittee C, if favorable, Appropriations.

February 21, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE REWARD AMOUNT THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY  
OFFER FOR THE APPREHENSION OF A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE OR FOR  
INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF A FUGITIVE  
FROM JUSTICE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 15-53 reads as rewritten:

"§ 15-53. **Governor may employ agents, and offer rewards.**

The Governor, on information made to ~~him~~the Governor of any person, whether the name of such person be known or unknown, having committed a felony or other infamous crime within the State, and of having fled out of the jurisdiction thereof, or who conceals himself or herself within the State to avoid arrest, or who, having been convicted, has escaped and cannot otherwise be apprehended, may either employ a special agent, with a sufficient escort, to pursue and apprehend such fugitive, or issue ~~his~~a proclamation, and therein offer a reward, not exceeding ~~ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)~~one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), according to the nature of the case, as in ~~his~~the Governor's opinion may be sufficient for the purpose, to be paid to ~~him~~anyone who shall apprehend and deliver the fugitive to such person and at such place as in the proclamation shall be directed."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 15-53.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 15-53.1. **Governor may offer rewards for information leading to arrest and conviction.**

When it shall appear to the Governor, upon satisfactory information furnished to ~~him~~the Governor, that a felony or other infamous crime has been committed within the State, whether the name or names of the person or persons suspected of committing the said crime be known or unknown, the Governor may issue ~~his~~a proclamation and therein offer an award [reward] not exceeding ~~ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)~~one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), according to the nature of the case as, in ~~his~~the Governor's opinion, may be sufficient for the purpose, to be paid to ~~him~~anyone who shall provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of such person or persons. The proclamation shall be upon such terms as the Governor may deem proper, but it shall identify the felony or felonies and the authority to whom the information is to be delivered and shall state such other terms as the Governor may require under which the reward is payable."

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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