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HOUSE BILL 452

Short Title: Revise Law/Obstruction of Health Facility. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Greenfield, K. Brown, Johnson-Hostler, and Cunningham
(Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 20, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF OBSTRUCTION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-277.4 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-277.4. Obstruction of health care facilities.

(a) No person shall obstruct or block another person's access to or egress from a health care facility or from the common areas of the real property upon which the facility is located in a manner that deprives or delays the person from obtaining or providing health care services in the facility.

(b) No person shall injure or threaten to injure a person who is or has ~~been~~been doing any of the following:

- (1) Obtaining health care ~~services~~services.
- (2) Lawfully aiding another to obtain health care ~~services~~or services.
- (3) Providing health care services.

(b1) No person shall knowingly approach another person within 8 feet of such person, unless such other person consents, for the purpose of passing a leaflet or handbill to, displaying a sign to, or engaging in oral protest, education, or counseling with such other person in the public way or sidewalk area within a radius of 100 feet from any entrance door to a health care facility.

(c) A violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. ~~A second conviction for a violation of either subsection (a) or (b) of this section within three years of the first shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. A third~~second or subsequent conviction for a violation of either subsection (a) or (b) of this section within three years of the ~~second~~or-most recent conviction shall be punishable as a Class I felony.

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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

