

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2025

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SENATE BILL 244

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Short Title: January 6 Riot/Attempt Overthrow of Gov't. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Everitt and Garrett (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 6, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CLASS F FELONY TO ENGAGE IN A RIOT OR INCITE A RIOT  
3 IN WHICH AN ATTEMPT OCCURS TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
4 UNITED STATES, THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, OR ANY POLITICAL  
5 SUBDIVISION THEREOF.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-288.2 reads as rewritten:

8 **"§ 14-288.2. Riot; inciting to riot; punishments.**

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10 (c3) Any person who willfully engages in a riot is guilty of a Class F felony if, in the  
11 course of the riot, the person attempts to overthrow the government of the United States, the State  
12 of North Carolina, or any political subdivision thereof.

13 ...

14 (e2) Any person who willfully incites or urges another to engage in a riot, and such inciting  
15 or urging is a contributing cause of a riot in which a person attempts to overthrow the government  
16 of the United States, the State of North Carolina, or any political subdivision thereof, shall be  
17 punished as a Class F felon.

18 ...."

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

