

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2025

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SENATE BILL 254  
Judiciary Committee Substitute Adopted 4/1/25

Short Title: Establish Offense for Poss. of Explosive.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 11, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN  
3 EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-49 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 14-49. Malicious use of explosive or incendiary; punishment.**

7 (a) Any person who willfully and maliciously injures another by the use of any explosive  
8 or incendiary device or material is guilty of a Class D felony.

9 (b) Any person who willfully and maliciously damages any real or personal property of  
10 any kind or nature belonging to another by the use of any explosive or incendiary device or  
11 material is guilty of a Class G felony.

12 (b1) Any person who willfully and maliciously damages, aids, counsels, or procures the  
13 damaging of any church, chapel, synagogue, mosque, masjid, or other building of worship by the  
14 use of any explosive or incendiary device or material is guilty of a Class E felony.

15 (b2) Any person who willfully and maliciously damages, aids, counsels, or procures the  
16 damaging of the State Capitol, the Legislative Building, the Justice Building, or any building  
17 owned or occupied by the State or any of its agencies, institutions, or subdivisions or by any  
18 county, incorporated city or town, or other governmental entity by the use of any explosive or  
19 incendiary device or material is guilty of a Class E felony.

20 (c) Repealed by Session Laws 1993, c. 539, s. 1149, effective October 1, 1994.

21 (d) Any person who possesses any explosive or incendiary device or material with the  
22 intent to violate this section is guilty of a Class H felony."

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



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