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SENATE BILL 667
House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/16/97

Short Title: Amend Stalking Law.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 2, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF STALKING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-277.3 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-277.3. Stalking.

(a) Offense. – A person commits the offense of stalking if the person willfully on more than one occasion follows or is in the presence of another person without legal purpose: purpose and

(1) ~~With~~ with the intent to cause death or bodily injury or with the intent to cause emotional distress by placing that person in reasonable fear of death or bodily ~~injury;~~ injury.

(2) ~~After reasonable warning or request to desist by or on behalf of the other person; and~~

(3) ~~The acts constitute a pattern of conduct over a period of time evidencing a continuity of purpose.~~

(b) Classification. – A violation of this section is a ~~Class 2~~ Class 1 misdemeanor. A person who commits the offense of stalking when there is a court order in effect prohibiting similar behavior is guilty of a ~~Class 1~~ Class A1 misdemeanor. A second or

1 subsequent conviction for stalking occurring within five years of a prior conviction of the
2 same defendant is punishable as a Class I felony."

3 Section 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1997, and applies to
4 offenses committed on or after that date.