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HOUSE BILL DRH50035-ML-21B*

Short Title: Break or Enter Pharmacy/Increase Penalty. (Public) Sponsors: Representatives Sasser, C. Smith, Murphy, and Horn (Primary Sponsors). Referred to:

Referred to: A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR BREAKING AND ENTERING A 3 PHARMACY. 4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: 5 **SECTION 1.** Article 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding 6 a new section to read: 7 "§ 14-54.2. Breaking or entering a pharmacy. 8 Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term "pharmacy" is a business that has a pharmacy permit under G.S. 90-85.21. 9 Offense. – A person who breaks or enters a pharmacy with the intent to commit the 10 11 theft of opioids is guilty of a Class D felony. 12 Additional Offense. – Unless the conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing greater punishment, a person is guilty of a Class F felony if the person receives or 13 possesses any property that has been stolen during the commission of a violation of subsection 14 15 (b) of this section while knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe the property is stolen. Forfeiture. – Any interest a person has acquired or maintained in violation of this 16 (d) 17 section shall be subject to forfeiture pursuant to the procedures for forfeiture set out in G.S. 18B-504." 18

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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