## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

## **SESSION 1997**

HOUSE BILL 1132

Short Title: Date Rape Drugs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives R. Hunter; Hightower and Warwick.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

## April 21, 1997

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AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO CONTAMINATE FOOD OR DRINK WITH ANY SUBSTANCE THAT WOULD RENDER A PERSON MENTALLY INCAPACITATED OR PHYSICALLY HELPLESS WITH THE INTENT OF COMMITTING A CRIME AGAINST THAT PERSON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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18 19 Section 1. Article 52 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

## "§ 14-401.15. Contaminate food or drink to render one mentally incapacitated or physically helpless.

- (a) It is unlawful knowingly to place a controlled substance, chemical, compound, or any foreign substance that would render a person mentally incapacitated or physically helpless into any food, drink, or other edible or potable substance with the intent of causing another person to be mentally incapacitated or physically helpless with the intent of committing a crime against that person.
- (b) It is unlawful knowingly to manufacture, sell, deliver, or possess with the intent to manufacture, sell, deliver, or possess a controlled substance, chemical, compound, or any foreign substance for the purpose of violating subsection (a) of this section.

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| <u>(c)</u> | A violation of this section is a  | Class H felony.  | However, if a  | person violates  |
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| this secti | ion with the intent of committing | an offense under | G.S. 14-27.3 c | or G.S. 14-27.5, |
| the viola  | ation is a Class G felony."       |                  |                |                  |

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