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HOUSE BILL 264*

Short Title: Sentence Lengths.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Haire.

Referred to: Judiciary IV.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO MAKE THE INCREASE IN SENTENCE LENGTHS BETWEEN
2 PRIOR RECORD LEVELS MORE PROPORTIONATE USING A SET
3 PERCENTAGE INCREMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH
4 CAROLINA SENTENCING AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 15A-1340.17(c) reads as rewritten:

8 "(c) Punishments for Each Class of Offense and Prior Record Level; Punishment
9 Chart Described. – The authorized punishment for each class of offense and prior record
10 level is as specified in the chart below. Prior record levels are indicated by the Roman
11 numerals placed horizontally on the top of the chart. Classes of offense are indicated by
12 the letters placed vertically on the left side of the chart. Each cell on the chart contains
13 the following components:

- 14 (1) A sentence disposition or dispositions: "C" indicates that a community
15 punishment is authorized; "I" indicates that an intermediate
16 punishment is authorized; "A" indicates that an active punishment is
17 authorized; and "Life Imprisonment Without Parole" indicates that the
18 defendant shall be imprisoned for the remainder of the prisoner's
19 natural life.
- 20 (2) A presumptive range of minimum durations, if the sentence of
21 imprisonment is neither aggravated or mitigated; any minimum term of
22 imprisonment in that range is permitted unless the court finds pursuant
23 to G.S. 15A-1340.16 that an aggravated or mitigated sentence is
24 appropriate. The presumptive range is the middle of the three ranges in
25 the cell.
- 26 (3) A mitigated range of minimum durations if the court finds pursuant to
27 G.S. 15A-1340.16 that a mitigated sentence of imprisonment is
28 justified; in such a case, any minimum term of imprisonment in the

- 1 mitigated range is permitted. The mitigated range is the lower of the
 2 three ranges in the cell.
 3 (4) An aggravated range of minimum durations if the court finds pursuant
 4 to G.S. 15A-1340.16 that an aggravated sentence of imprisonment is
 5 justified; in such a case, any minimum term of imprisonment in the
 6 aggravated range is permitted. The aggravated range is the higher of
 7 the three ranges in the cell.
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9 **PRIOR RECORD LEVEL**

	I 0 Pts	II 1-4 Pts	III 5-8 Pts	IV 9-14 Pts	V 15-18 Pts	VI 19+ Pts	
A Life Imprisonment Without Parole or Death as Established by Statute							
	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	DISPOSITION
	240-300	288-360	336-420	384-480	Life Imprisonment Without Parole		Aggravated
B1	192-240	230-288	269-336	307-384	346-433	384-480	PRESUMPTIVE
	144-192	173-230	202-269	230-307	260-346	288-384	Mitigated
	<u>240-300</u>	<u>276-345</u>	<u>317-397</u>	<u>365-456</u>	Life Imprisonment Without Parole		Aggravated
B1	<u>192-240</u>	<u>221-276</u>	<u>254-317</u>	<u>292-365</u>	<u>336-420</u>	<u>386-483</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>144-192</u>	<u>166-221</u>	<u>190-254</u>	<u>219-292</u>	<u>252-336</u>	<u>290-386</u>	Mitigated
	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	DISPOSITION
	157-196	189-237	220-276	251-313	282-353	313-392	Aggravated
B2	125-157	151-189	176-220	201-251	225-282	251-313	PRESUMPTIVE
	94-125	114-151	132-176	151-201	169-225	188-251	Mitigated
	<u>157-196</u>	<u>180-225</u>	<u>207-258</u>	<u>238-297</u>	<u>273-342</u>	<u>314-393</u>	Aggravated
B2	<u>125-157</u>	<u>144-180</u>	<u>165-207</u>	<u>190-238</u>	<u>219-273</u>	<u>251-314</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>94-125</u>	<u>108-144</u>	<u>124-165</u>	<u>143-190</u>	<u>164-219</u>	<u>189-251</u>	Mitigated
	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	DISPOSITION
	73-92	100-125	116-145	133-167	151-188	168-210	Aggravated
C	58-73	80-100	93-116	107-133	121-151	135-168	PRESUMPTIVE
	44-58	60-80	70-93	80-107	90-121	101-135	Mitigated
	<u>73-92</u>	<u>83-104</u>	<u>96-120</u>	<u>110-138</u>	<u>127-159</u>	<u>146-182</u>	Aggravated
C	<u>58-73</u>	<u>67-83</u>	<u>77-96</u>	<u>88-110</u>	<u>101-127</u>	<u>117-146</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>44-58</u>	<u>50-67</u>	<u>58-77</u>	<u>66-88</u>	<u>76-101</u>	<u>87-117</u>	Mitigated
	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	DISPOSITION
	64-80	77-95	103-129	117-146	133-167	146-183	Aggravated
D	51-64	61-77	82-103	94-117	107-133	117-146	PRESUMPTIVE
	38-51	46-61	61-82	71-94	80-107	88-117	Mitigated
	<u>64-80</u>	<u>73-92</u>	<u>84-105</u>	<u>97-121</u>	<u>111-139</u>	<u>128-160</u>	Aggravated
D	<u>51-64</u>	<u>59-73</u>	<u>67-84</u>	<u>78-97</u>	<u>89-111</u>	<u>103-128</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
	<u>38-51</u>	<u>44-59</u>	<u>51-67</u>	<u>58-78</u>	<u>67-89</u>	<u>77-103</u>	Mitigated

1		I/A	I/A	A	A	A	A	DISPOSITION
2		25-31	29-36	34-42	46-58	53-66	59-74	Aggravated
3	E	20-25	23-29	27-34	37-46	42-53	47-59	PRESUMPTIVE
4		15-20	17-23	20-27	28-37	32-42	35-47	Mitigated
5		<u>25-31</u>	<u>29-36</u>	<u>33-41</u>	<u>38-48</u>	<u>44-55</u>	<u>50-63</u>	Aggravated
6	E	<u>20-25</u>	<u>23-29</u>	<u>26-33</u>	<u>30-38</u>	<u>35-44</u>	<u>40-50</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
7		<u>15-20</u>	<u>17-23</u>	<u>20-26</u>	<u>23-30</u>	<u>26-35</u>	<u>30-40</u>	Mitigated
8		I/A	I/A	I/A	A	A	A	DISPOSITION
9		16-20	19-24	21-26	25-31	34-42	39-49	Aggravated
10	F	13-16	15-19	17-21	20-25	27-34	31-39	PRESUMPTIVE
11		10-13	11-15	13-17	15-20	20-27	23-31	Mitigated
12		<u>16-20</u>	<u>19-23</u>	<u>21-27</u>	<u>25-31</u>	<u>28-36</u>	<u>33-41</u>	Aggravated
13	F	<u>13-16</u>	<u>15-19</u>	<u>17-21</u>	<u>20-25</u>	<u>23-28</u>	<u>26-33</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
14		<u>10-13</u>	<u>11-15</u>	<u>13-17</u>	<u>15-20</u>	<u>17-23</u>	<u>20-26</u>	Mitigated
15		I/A	I/A	I/A	I/A	A	A	DISPOSITION
16		13-16	15-19	16-20	20-25	21-26	29-36	Aggravated
17	G	10-13	12-15	13-16	16-20	17-21	23-29	PRESUMPTIVE
18		8-10	9-12	10-13	12-16	13-17	17-23	Mitigated
19		<u>13-16</u>	<u>14-18</u>	<u>17-21</u>	<u>19-24</u>	<u>22-27</u>	<u>25-31</u>	Aggravated
20	G	<u>10-13</u>	<u>12-14</u>	<u>13-17</u>	<u>15-19</u>	<u>17-22</u>	<u>20-25</u>	PRESUMPTIVE
21		<u>8-10</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>10-13</u>	<u>11-15</u>	<u>13-17</u>	<u>15-20</u>	Mitigated
22		C/I/A	I/A	I/A	I/A	I/A	A	DISPOSITION
23		6-8	8-10	10-12	11-14	15-19	20-25	Aggravated
24	H	5-6	6-8	8-10	9-11	12-15	16-20	PRESUMPTIVE
25		4-5	4-6	6-8	7-9	9-12	12-16	Mitigated
26		C	C/I	I	I/A	I/A	I/A	DISPOSITION
27		6-8	6-8	6-8	8-10	9-11	10-12	Aggravated
28	I	4-6	4-6	5-6	6-8	7-9	8-10	PRESUMPTIVE
29		3-4	3-4	4-5	4-6	5-7	6-8	Mitigated"

30 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2003, and applies to
31 offenses committed on or after that date.