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**SENATE DRS65264-LH-134 (03/10)**

Short Title: Break Into Place of Worship. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Smith, and Albertson.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING  
A BUILDING THAT IS A PLACE OF WORSHIP.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 14-56.4. Breaking or entering a building that is a place of worship.**

(a) Any person who wrongfully breaks or enters any building that is a place of worship is guilty of a Class G felony except as provided by subsection (b) of this section.

(b) A person is guilty of a Class F felony, if:

(1) The person breaks or enters two or more buildings that are places of worship; or

(2) The person is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) As used in this section, a "building that is a place of worship" shall be construed to include any church, chapel, meetinghouse, synagogue, temple, or mosque."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.