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SENATE BILL 563

Short Title: Right to Revoke Consent. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators J. Jackson and Britt (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 3, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO CONTINUES TO ENGAGE IN INTERCOURSE OR A SEXUAL ACT AFTER CONSENT IS WITHDRAWN IS DEEMED TO HAVE COMMITTED THE ACT OF INTERCOURSE OR SEXUAL ACT BY FORCE AND AGAINST THE WILL OF THE OTHER PERSON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 7B of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-27.37. Withdrawal of consent.

(a) Withdrawal of Consent. – A person who consents to vaginal intercourse or to a sexual act can withdraw that consent at any time during the course of that vaginal intercourse or sexual act. A defendant who continues the act of vaginal intercourse after consent is withdrawn is deemed to have committed the act of vaginal intercourse by force and against the will of the other person. A defendant who continues the sexual act after consent is withdrawn is deemed to have committed the sexual act by force and against the will of the other person.

(b) Form of Withdrawal. – A withdrawal of consent in accordance with subsection (a) of this section must be clearly communicated in a way that a person knows or should reasonably know consent has been withdrawn."

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

