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HOUSE BILL DRH10260-ND-149

Short Title: Expedite Venue Choice of Mass Shooting Cases. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative A. Jones.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO EXPEDITE THE DETERMINATION BY THE PROSECUTION OF WHETHER
3 TO SEEK A CHANGE OF VENUE IN CASES INVOLVING THE DISCHARGE OF A
4 FIREARM AND TEN OR MORE VICTIMS.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6 **SECTION 1.** Article 13 of Chapter 15 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
7 a new section to read:
8 "**§ 15-133.1. Change of venue for the prosecution of mass shootings.**
9 The Court shall not, without the consent of the defendant, grant the State's motion to change
10 the venue of a case involving the discharge of a firearm and 10 or more victims after 90 days
11 have passed from the date of the defendant's initial arrest upon the charges."
12 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to offenses
13 committed on or after that date.



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