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HOUSE BILL 698

Short Title: Codify/Replace Comm. Law Obstruct. of Justice. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Stevens.

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 19, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REPLACE THE CRIME OF FELONY COMMON LAW OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE WITH A CODIFIED VERSION OF THAT SAME CRIME.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 30 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
a new section to read:

**"§ 14-222.1. Obstruction of justice.**

If any person shall, with deceit and an intent to defraud, unlawfully obstruct justice, the  
person is guilty of a Class I felony. This crime shall replace the crime of common law felony  
obstruction of justice in this State."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses  
committed on or after that date.

